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Furious Second Half Rally Falls Short...

March Madness Ends For AHS As Girls Bow In State Finals

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Coach Kevin Woelfel had just one chance to win last Saturday's Division I High School Girls' Basketball State Title.

The Haverhill High head coach had certainly been in the Worcester Centrum the previous Tuesday when Agawam High put on a sensational show. The Brownies sandblasted their way past Holy Name with an unbelievable inside game.

Woelfel knew that the Brownies would go back to what got them there and he instructed his players to smack the Agawam front court around as if they were rag dolls. And the Haverhill players responded with some no-holds barred interior defensive play, some of which could easily qualify for *Wrestlemania X*.

In the end, Haverhill (cleverly nicknamed the Hillies) had salted away a 52-45 championship verdict which had all their players saluting one another and their fans with cheers and whistles.

Meanwhile, the locals had one kid in the hospital and another one with a painful elbow injury as they came off the court knowing how close they had come to winning the biggest basketball game of their lives.

Junior point guard Dina DeMarco had just keyed a last ditch comeback attempt with a steal and a breakaway and she was on the move again with another theft. She was being pressured from behind and went down in a heap soon after she got her shot up on the glass. Minutes later, Dina

was wheeled from the arena and into a waiting ambulance.

Senior center and team stalwart Cyndi Stone had spent nearly four minutes on the bench following a spill she took while fighting for a loose ball. She returned to action and really scorched the cords from that point forward, but Haverhill had done the lion's share of their work in the game's first 20 minutes.

That early and mid-game onslaught left Agawam trailing by an insurmountable 41-18 score with less than 12 minutes to play!

Brownies Had 'Em Rockin'

Coach Lou Conte finally took off his grey sport-coat and put his team into man-to-man pressure and the Brownies had the Centrum rockin' all the way to the final minute. Consider that Agawam came from that 41-18 deficit and reached the 40 point mark before Haverhill could get to 50. That's saying something!

Junior Kristen Schmaelzle scored a hoop to open the game on an over-the-top feed from Stone and then never scored again until she converted another fine inside dish for the first Agawam hoop of the second half. Her offense was sorely missed in the early going. The junior forward got nailed early and often in the first half and seemed to lose confidence in her offense as a result.

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In F.H. Center...

McDonald's May Be Nixed By New Bylaw

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its March 21st meeting, Town Council adopted an ordinance that will allow the town to exert more control over future proposals for drive-in and drive-thru restaurants.

Without debate or discussion, the council approved the second and third readings of the ordinance. All members present (Councilor Vivian Dziardziel was absent) voted in favor of the immediate adoption of the measure.

However, it was revealed after the meeting that town officials are seeking a ruling from the state to see if McDonald's would be affected by the new bylaw. It had been previously stated that it would not. However, Mayor Christopher G. Johnson said in a published report on Tuesday that this is possible, prompting Town Councilor Gary Suffriti to accuse both Johnson and Town Council President James D. Taylor of withholding information from the council.

"They no doubt had a secret agenda and were not upfront with the entire council. Why didn't we have this information to begin with? The issue here is not if I do or do not support McDonald's coming into Feeding Hills. The issue is being straight with the council. We were not being dealt with in a straight manner. Obviously, some people knew about this beforehand. I voted for the bylaw, so my position is well-known.

"I am sick and tired of what goes on at Town Hall. Certain people and councilors are privy to information and others are not. We should have had this information at the council meeting and not learn about it in the newspaper or by going up to Town Hall and learning about it behind closed doors," said Suffriti.

Planning Board member Edward Shibley said, "We anticipated it would pass, but Frank (Lawlor, Planning Board member) and I are delighted it was unanimous."

Effective immediately, the new ordinance requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for drive-in and drive-thru restaurants and further requires such restaurants to provide 50 parking spaces on their property.

It is not known at presstime if the new legislation will affect the controversial proposal to build a McDonald's Restaurant with drive-thru window in Feeding Hills Center. Councilors were urged to adopt the measure so that the town will have a tool to control such development in the future.

Citing the "excessive amount of traffic" in Feeding Hills Center and concerns that the construction of McDonald's will pose a safety hazard to the children attending the two schools located there, resident Richard Bellico urged the councilors "to take the necessary steps to preserve our town." Bellico said zoning tools to help control development were necessary to prevent the traffic problems currently plaguing West Springfield on Riverdale Street.

Lawlor urged passage of the measure, noting, "It's unquestionable that the vast majority of people in town want zoning reform." Lawlor said it was not the intention of the Planning Board to keep businesses out, but to allow the town the means to defend itself against corporations who come to Agawam only to make money and don't care whether their presence brings chaos to the area.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOLS girls basketball team were all smiles at a pep rally held in their honor last Friday. The Brownies fell in the Division I title game, 52-45 to Haverhill at the Worcester Centrum on Saturday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Icy Reception For McDonald's At Hearing

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

McDonald's officials met with the groans and grimaces of dismay from townspeople when they unveiled their drawings of the restaurant they propose to build in Feeding Hills Center.

About 40 town residents attended the Planning Board meeting on March 17th to express their opposition to locating a fast-food operation directly across from two schools. Residents said this area is already a nightmare of traffic congestion and a safety hazard for the children who attend Granger School and the Junior High School.

Feeding Hills resident Anne Bellico said the restaurant would be a "fatal attraction" for the students of Granger and the Junior High. Former Town Councilor Jesse D. Fuller raised concerns for the safety of senior citizens living nearby who often walk to the center and would be attracted to McDonald's.

Residents asked the Planning Board to reject McDonald's plans unless the corporation would agree to construct a building with a colonial-looking facade of clapboard that is more in keeping with the character of Feeding Hills. Also, those in attendance wanted the restaurant to incorporate the changes in the flow of traffic around the restaurant as proposed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Planner Deborah Dachos.

Joseph McDiarmid, real estate coordinator for McDonald's, said the company plans to erect its standard building in Feeding Hills Center because it would cost the corporation too much

money to develop an individual plan for Feeding Hills.

He said the company is proud of the building design that has become the company's signature. He said the building is immediately recognized by the public and changing the design could result in a loss of sales.

McDiarmid submitted plans for two curb cuts on Springfield Street and an additional exit onto North Westfield Street (by means of a driveway running behind the Pride Station owned by Robert Bolduc).

McDiarmid said the restaurant would have a one-way flow of traffic as cars entered the first driveway on Springfield Street and circled the building to exit onto North Westfield or back onto Springfield Street. Customers using the drive-thru window would enter on Springfield Street and drive about three-fourths of the way around the building to place their orders and pick up their food.

At that point, he said, they could exit back onto Springfield Street. Customers wishing to exit to North Westfield Street would be forced to drive in front of the building, re-enter the flow of traffic entering the parking lot from Springfield Street, and drive around the building to use the exit behind the gas station.

Disappointed With McDonald's Rejection
Both Johnson and Ms. Dachos said they were

disappointed that McDonald's had rejected the changes they proposed at a lengthy meeting with company representatives last month. The town had asked for one entrance from Springfield Street with the exit onto North Westfield Street and a clapboard facade for the building.

Residents and town officials noted that McDonald's Restaurants in Nantucket, South Yarmouth, and Stowe, Vermont, have exterior facades similar to what the town has requested. McDiarmid said McDonald's alters its traditional design to comply with zoning ordinances or when they are renovating an existing building.

Town Council President James Taylor said McDonald's could earn "a lot of good will from the community" by building a colonial-style structure, even though not forced by law to do so.

Stopping just short of calling on residents to boycott the restaurant, Johnson said, "I hope the people of Feeding Hills remember because they're counting on us to patronize their business. It's obvious that they're not willing to work with us, so I hope we're not willing to work with them if and when this thing is constructed."

Before it will act on McDonald's proposal, the Planning Board said the company must complete a traffic study and submit an amended plan by April 21st.

McDiarmid agreed to advise the corporation of the wishes of the community.

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Jill Simpson, freshman councilor and chairwoman of the council's Zoning Review Committee, called the council's action "a step in the right direction."

Commenting on a newspaper report stating that traffic congestion along Route 5 in West Springfield had town officials worried, Mrs. Simpson said she didn't want to see a similar situation in Agawam that would have town officials worried when it was too late. Mrs. Simpson called for "comprehensive zoning laws that will satisfy the

majority of the people in our town and make this a safe and enjoyable environment to live in."

New councilor Robert Danie said the new ordinance would give the Planning Board the ability to exert more control over developers who refuse to work with the town unless forced to do so. Danie said it was clear at the March 17th Planning Board meeting that the attitude of McDonald's officials was that the town cannot force them to incorporate the changes recommended by the town for their plans at Feeding Hills Center.

Danie said he feared McDonald's would submit

the same plan to the Planning Board on April 21st.

In other business, the council gave its approval to Councilor Danie's ordinance requiring Town Council meetings be held at the Agawam Middle School (unless the council should vote to hold a meeting at another location).

Also, \$6,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the Building Department to fund salaries for part-time inspectors. Council President James Taylor said the funds do not come out of the town's operating budget, but reflect money taken in from the fees charged for building permits.

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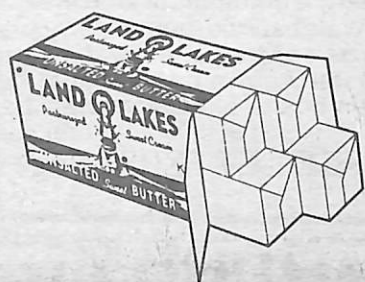


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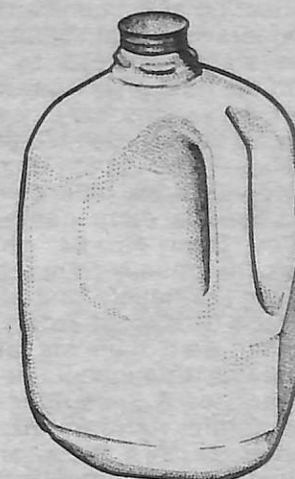


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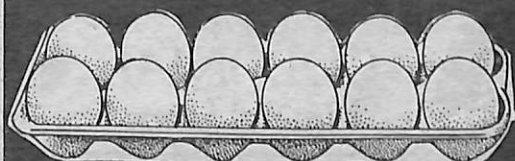
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Letters To The Editor

Big Y Helps Its Worker To Receive Commendation

To The Editor:

Hats off to Big Y Supermarket and Russell St. Pierre of Agawam.

Russell St. Pierre is a mentally handicapped autistic adult. He began bagging groceries for Big Y in 1989-90. In the spring of 1990, Russell became confused and frustrated while bagging groceries for a difficult customer. In his frustration, he told her to "Bag it herself." This was reported to management and Russ was fired.

Russ graduated from special education classes and Minnechaug Regional High School in 1992. I, his mother, began a long and tedious search for help and support from local agencies for the handicapped. Through the efforts of Nancy Miller Landon of Goodwill Industries, Mass Rehab, and Human Resource Unlimited Carval, Big Y agreed to rehire Russell.

Russ returned to work in August 1993. For six weeks, he had a job coach helping him through his bagging tasks. He has been bagging on his own since October 1993.

Last week, Russ received a letter of recognition for courteous service. Big Y customer A. Przechochi took a moment to fill out an Employee Recognition Card on Russell's behalf.

With the help and understanding of Big Y management and employees—plus help from Goodwill, Mass Rehab, and Carval—Russell's being fired has turned into a success story.

Thank you, everyone!
Trudy A. St. Pierre
(Russell's Mom)

Agawam Girl Scouts Seek Support For Fundraiser

To The Editor:

Again this year, the Agawam Girl Scouts are collecting aluminum can tabs to help support the Shriners Hospital, Springfield Unit. This project was started last year by the Senior Girl Scouts; with the help of 28 Agawam Girl Scout Troops, as well as various businesses in town, they were able to collect over 170 pounds of tabs.

These tabs (which come from beverage cans, powdered drink milk containers, pet food cans, and various other containers) are given to the Helma Court No. 64, which redeems them and uses that money to purchase needed equipment for the Springfield Unit of the Shriners Hospital.

Each Girl Scout Troop has its own tab collection jar. Also, there are tab receptacles at various locations throughout the town, such as Big Y, Super Stop & Shop, Biagio's Pizza, West Dragon Restaurant, Agawam Pizza, Sacred Heart Parish Center, Nicky's Pizza, and even at some local schools and redemption centers.

Please take a minute to remove the tabs before you redeem the cans. You may give them to an

area Girl Scout or deposit them in other local tab receptacles.

Help us save them to support the Springfield Unit of Shriners Hospital. If your business would like a collection jar, please call me at 789-3808.

Marlene Chretien
Brownie Troop 539

AHS Girls' Basketball Team Appreciative Of Fan Support

To The Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the good people of Agawam for their wonderful support during our run for the State Basketball Title that ended in Worcester last Saturday night.

The one thing about Agawam High basketball is that we operate as a family and the fact that so many people thought enough of our program to make those trips to Worcester to support us was very gratifying to us. The amount of people who filled up all those seats at the Civic Center and (later) the Centrum gave us a great feeling of unity.

As we walked off the court in defeat last Saturday night following the championship game, we were all so appreciative of the tremendous crowd who gave us that wonderful salute as we headed for the locker room.

The loss was difficult to accept in the early going. But we are now learning exactly how much we accomplished and how much we will cherish this experience later in our lives.

Thanks to all the area residents and businesses who took part in our championship run and the party thrown in our honor after the season. Now, it is our turn to salute you. We are grateful to all who took part. Thank-you.

The coaches and players
Agawam High girls' basketball

AHS Girls' Basketball Team Gave Us A Memorable Season

To The Editor:

Congratulations to Coach Lou Conte, Assistant Coach Debbie Lickley, and the Agawam High School girls' basketball team for going to the finals and displaying an outstanding performance of teamwork!

What a tremendous season you gave to the people of Agawam!

Thank you very much,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Senior Citizens Looking For Space For New Garden

To The Editor:

Since Sheriff Ashe has closed the garden tract for seniors, we have been trying to find another spot.

Space for 15 garden plots and some extra space for corn is needed.

Maybe Mayor Johnson will someday give the seniors some space at the "Double T" property. Meanwhile, maybe some other area is available.

Sandra Smith at the Senior Center (786-0400, ext. 242) is the Senior Center Advisor.

Merwin Kinkade
Agawam

Retailers Have A Responsibility To The Existing Community

To The Editor:

The appearance of a giant retail grocer in downtown Feeding Hills is quite a convenience. Plans are moving a McD's into the neighborhood. Mmm, mmm—cheap, quick burgers and fries (a house-husband's favorite helper). The rumor mill is flying, of course, about Springfield Street, America's hottest new retail strip; and—have you heard—what about a Bradlees downtown?

Irrevocably, other things besides convenience tag along with the now-familiar pattern of "retail"-ization in a quaint New England town (believe it, our town used to be quaint). The bright, new, all-night lights shining on our bedroom windows remind one of an urban scenario. How about those jobs Super Stop & Shop brought to Agawam? McDonald's, it is rumored, will match the pay scale! Folks ought to be proud to work in these recession days, and for \$4.80 an hour; is it a reasonable working wage to support a family or earn money for college?

The fact of a real (or imagined) big sucking sound from BIG regional or national retail concerns who move into a small town, is they never quite figure out "to belong" means you put something back. One must hand the kudos to Dunkin' Donuts, no matter what the donuts do for one's waistline; their storefront is a harmonious addition to the quaint flavor of Feeding Hills. Unlike their garishly colored neighbor (across North Westfield Street), Dunkin' Donuts has put back a respect for traditional architecture and truly "belongs."

All kinds of ways can contribute to a community reinvestment. Remember Feeding Hills Pharmacy? They hadn't much for architecture, but they did have a good staff of long-time employees who knew your name, made you feel relaxed, and featured a community bulletin board (I always thought it was, well, "community-ish"). It was aspiration to a heart, a community soul. Revitalized, super-duper Waldbaum's has a new, bigger bulletin board! Here's a fact ... every darn supermarket in the greater Agawam metro area has a community bulletin board, except Stop & Shop!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Tuesday, March 29th
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Friday, April 1st
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Agawam Crime Prevention... Anabolic (Constrictive) Steroids Are Dangerous

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

We live in a world that demands of us the very best in physical and mental conditioning. We compete, we battle, and we constantly seek "the edge" in the daily struggle to survive.

In the competitive world of sports, that edge comes in the form of steroids. Known on the streets as "juice" or "Roids," these synthetic variants of the male hormone testosterone have long-term side effects that far outweigh any short-cuts they may provide in training.

Steroids can be obtained legally through a doctor's prescription or illegally on the black market. Some common brand names are Anadrol, Decadurabolin, and Anavar. Under a doctor's care, it is estimated that some three-million Americans take steroids every year to counteract an imbalance or other problem within their body.

Taken illegally, however, steroids can wreak havoc with the normal body metabolism. According to an issue of *Medical Tribune*, U.S. Olympic Committee sports medicine and science doctor Robert Voy described steroid use as "a very complicated attack on a normal hormonal balance." The body becomes confused and, in effect, "turns off" its own system.

Consequently, peculiar side effects occur. Women have experienced baldness, facial hair growth, decreased breast size, enlarged genitals, and liver cancer. Men have experienced increased breast size, sterility, and prostate cancer. Some other side effects shared by both sexes include high blood pressure, clogging of the arteries, and increased tendencies toward aggression and hostility.

People take all this risk for the benefit of quick weight gain, rapid muscle development, and less time needed for recovery between workouts. Steroids are smuggled into this country from Mexico, Europe, and Canada to the tune of one-hundred million dollars annually. They can be injected or taken in pill form, and are sold out of the trunks of cars outside ballparks and gymnasiums.

Athletes from the college and pro ranks are banned from steroid use. Testing is done randomly, and those caught with traces of the drug in their system face penalties that vary with the frequency and severity of use. Dosages vary widely and can cost the user anywhere from \$25 to \$500 a month.

Research on the subject is sketchy at this point for two reasons: it's unethical to administer steroids in the high doses taken by some athletes, and it is simply too soon for major long-term studies of athletes who have taken steroids and later developed problems. In order to mask the detection of steroids within the system, some athletes are using drugs (such as Probenecid) which hide traces of the steroids during the testing procedure.

Steroids are yet one more of hundreds of drugs of abuse on the market today. While some consider that they are merely an "acceptable risk," it should be understood by all that steroids and their use can result in sickness and death.

Clean-Up Day Set For Agawam On Saturday, May 7th

May 7th, 1994 is a date to remember!!! It is that time again when all organizations are asked to gather together in the Agawam High School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to begin the Spring Clean-Up.

There are lots of discarded items along the roads of our pretty town. Let's get those things in the trash barrels where they belong before the weeds start sprouting up around them.

Take pride in your town! Civic, social, fraternal, political, church, scouts, youth, and student groups are all welcome to help. You will need to bring garden or heavy-duty work gloves.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 786-1400, or Joyce at 786-3327.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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LETTERS - from Page 4...

A bulletin board is real small change. You'd figure a BIG retailer (which built on a site that was, in part, an illegally filled wetland) might promote a nature walk out back, in what's left of the wetland—or even (at least) have bag recycling! Plastic bag recycling, as a matter of fact, is the most popularly recycled stuff in America! Maybe the BIG retailer will figure out about community reinvestment on their own?

How about a national retailer of "Happy Meals"? Could they figure out how cars entering and exiting directly opposite an already over-trafficked elementary school (and onto a primary highway), isn't responsible? The burger chain, by the way, is being brought to us by the same folks who brought the lime and neon green convenience store to Feeding Hills.

Will the familiar, culturally-numbing facade be modified to become architecturally synonymous like Dunkin' Donuts? Can the corporation say "community reinvestment" without sending a red-haired clown out to do the talking?

Sincerely,
Damian Gormley
Feeding Hills

Agawam Should Ban Smoking In Restaurants

To The Editor:

When is Agawam going to wake up and join its neighbors in attempting to banish smoking from its restaurants? Most of Western Mass. cities and towns are cooperating in an effort to free their citizens from the dangers of second hand smoke.

National chain restaurants are initiating no smoking policies. Many of our federal buildings are mandated as no smoking. Yet, Agawam seems oblivious to all the evidence indicating what second hand smoke can do to its people.

Restaurant owners in other areas who, of their own volition, have gone smoke free acknowledge that they have **not** lost business. Why should they, when there is 75 percent of the population just waiting for eating establishments to allow them to taste their food without the taint of smoke?

Congratulations to Dunkin' Donuts at Feeding Hills Center and to newly opened Kenny Rogers Roasters, both of whom have dared to go smoke free. Now it is time our government and our health department take the necessary steps to protect the people of Agawam.

Sincerely,
Millicent Barnard
Feeding Hills

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Agawam Obituaries

Jean N. Allegro

Jean (Waniewski) Naciewicz Allegro, 65, of North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, a church and social leader, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

She was a 43-year worker at New England Telephone Co. (now NYNEX). She retired from the Telephone Pioneers of America office in 1989 as an administrative supervisor.

She also worked in her family business, Wasniewski Farms in Feeding Hills.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she was a graduate of Agawam High School. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its Rosary Altar Society.

She was also a church lector and eucharistic minister.

She was a member of the Catholic Women's Club and the Agawam Golden Agers Club. She organized many bus tours and group trips for area residents.

She was also a Telephone Pioneer of America and a member of the Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield, and was president of the Polish-American Club's Women's Auxiliary.

Her first husband, Joseph Naciewicz, died in 1985, and her second, Joseph Allegro, in 1992.

She leaves a daughter, Andrea M. Mokrzycki of Feeding Hills; a stepson, Gary Allegro of Enfield; two brothers, Matthew and Henry of Feeding Hills; a sister, Jennie Juzba of Feeding Hills; two grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

David Salmond

David Salmond, 74, formerly of Ludlow and a retired local bartender, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Ludlow, he lived there most of his life. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He leaves a son, Robert, and daughter, Judith Salmond, of Springfield's Indian Orchard section; two sisters, Ann Thompson of Revere, and Edith Dobrzycki of Ludlow; three grandsons, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral and burial were at the convenience of the family, and Ludlow Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Any group or organization wishing to participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30th, please contact Department of Veteran Services at 786-0400, ext. 236 no later than May 1st.

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Bitzas Announces State Rep. Candidacy; Pledges Vigorous Run

Three-term Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas Wednesday night announced his candidacy for state representative from the Third Hampden District.

Bitzas, 49, a Democrat, will seek the seat to be vacated by long-time State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam). Walsh announced last month he is leaving the State Legislature when his term expires in early January 1995.

Bitzas, who serves as the Town Council's vice-president, was surrounded by family and supporters when making the expected announcement at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Has Very Supportive Family

In a prepared statement, Bitzas said, "It is not an easy decision to seek public office. On the campaign trail, the candidate must spend many hours away for their family. And, if elected, must spend many evenings and weekends attending meetings and functions. I am fortunate to have a very supportive family."

He then introduced his wife, Peggy, and their three children, Christopher, Peter, and Katherine.

Bitzas, who came to the USA from his homeland of Greece 25 years ago with his elderly mother, told the gathering, "I had a dream of making a better life for myself and my mother. I had a dream of being involved in a great country where every voice is heard, and every citizen has the opportunity to succeed. I worked very hard to become an American citizen and I have a strong desire to serve the people and the country that have opened their arms to me."

Bitzas promised to represent the people of the Third Hampden District, which includes Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Tolland, Blandford, Russell, and Chester in a "fair, open, and honest matter. I will be a strong voice in the State House, a voice which raises the concerns of the people and a voice which searches for new and innovative solutions to the problems which face Western Massachusetts."

Bitzas then outlined his credentials. He graduated with honors from Holyoke Community College and Westfield State College, with a bachelor of science degree in education. He has taught at both the junior high and high school levels in West Springfield, and currently serves as principal of the St. George Cathedral Greek School in Springfield.

He is also employed as an interior designer at Hayden Wayside in Enfield.

Bitzas cited his record as a member of the council since being elected in 1989. Several of his



TOWN COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT George Bitzas has announced his candidacy for state representative in the Third Hampden District. Bitzas is pictured with his wife, Peg, and three children - Christopher, Peter, and Katherine.

listed accomplishments included: sponsored legislation and organized a rally to protest the closing of the Holyoke Soldier's Home; petitioned the State Legislature to require beer keg registration to discourage sales to underage patrons; supported legislation to increase the property tax exemption for local veterans organizations as the VFW and the American Legion.

Also, he gathered over 2,500 signatures on a petition to push for the expeditious construction of Phase I of the Route 57 project; voted for the preservation of open space through Agawam's acquisition of Agawam Country Club and Tuckahoe Turf Farm; organized the 1993 Flag Day Celebration, which included the dedication of the Morgan/Sullivan Memorial Bridge and the addition of planters to beautify the bridge; and supported funding for all vital town services, including the Agawam Public Schools, the Agawam Police and Fire Departments, and the Agawam Senior Center.

Worked Hard To Improve Quality Of Life

"I have worked hard to maintain and improve the quality of life in Agawam during a time of severe economic distress and unprecedented fiscal constraint. I will bring that same determination to my efforts to represent all the people of the Third Hampden District," said Bitzas.

Bitas outlined several of the areas he will address during the upcoming campaign. These include producing a comprehensive crime bill which will put more police officers on the street and construct more prison space; reform of the welfare system; producing a package of meaningful economic incentives to attract new business to Massachusetts; streamlining the existing regulatory system to provide easier access and permitting for new business and expansion; ensuring that health care reform does not bankrupt small business; and to continue to support public education, which includes providing a dedicated funding source to properly implement the state's Education Reform Bill.

Free Tax Classes Offered To Small Businesses By IRS

When you think business, you gotta think taxes. Those of you just starting a business should make learning about taxes a priority.

Depending on a number of factors, including whether you have employees or sell products subject to excise taxes, you may owe federal taxes before you show a profit.

Educational institutions, national business associations, and other government agencies, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, offer the Small Business Tax Education Program (STEP) to acquaint new business owners with their rights and responsibilities regarding federal taxes.

Most courses offer practical exercises that can teach you how to determine taxable income and how to prepare the tax forms. The advantages and limitations of a sole proprietorship, partnership, and corporate forms of business are also discussed.

Get the facts now. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 and ask for the Taxpayer Education Coordinator. Find out when and where the next Small Business Tax Education courses will be available in your area.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., on **THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock**, for all parties interested in the appeal of **KEITH G.**

LEGAL NOTICE

REIDY, who is seeking relief from Section 180-39, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which will allow for the construction of an addition with less than the required set-back at the premises identified as **30 RICHARDSON PLACE**.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert
Chairman

Published: March 24, 1994

OPEN FOR EASTER WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH

At times it felt like Old Man Winter would never leave us, but as our greenhouse full of flowers can attest, warmer weather is on the way. We have Easter lilies, mini-roses, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, hydrangeas, mums, floral gift baskets and more to brighten your Easter and put you in the mood for Spring as if you needed any help with that.



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Mrs. Willis Won't Run For State Rep. Seat In Fall Election

Former two-term Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis today said she will not be a candidate for state representative in the Hampden District.

Mrs. Willis had been named as one of those who might seek the seat to be vacated by long-time State Rep. Michael P. Walsh in January 1995. Walsh announced last month he will not seek reelection to a seventh term.

Mrs. Willis released the following prepared statement today:

"Over the last several weeks, many residents have asked me to run for representative of the Third Hampden District. It has been a most humbling yet gratifying feeling that so many have faith in my abilities and in my dedication to better the lives of our citizens.

"Public service requires a deeply-held commitment to one's community. There is no doubt that a number of serious issues face the cities and towns of this commonwealth and that strong, decisive leadership is necessary to meet these challenges: welfare reform; crime; improvement of our higher and local education system; the return of our tax dollars in local aid to the communities who know their own needs more intimately than bureaucrats in Boston; no future unfunded state mandates; and the elimination of onerous regulations which are stifling business and industry and resulting in the flight of these enterprises to more receptive areas of the country.

"I continue to maintain a steadfast belief that public service at the local level is the most personally satisfying—where a hands-on approach to government proves the worth of municipal policies and decisions; where one knows one's constituents on a first-name basis; and where government is not beholden to some abstract principle or to some political or special interest.

"Those who know me well know that my first priority is my family. I am not an advocate of long-distance relationships and could not become a part-time wife and mother. It is impossible for me to sustain my relationship with my family and to meet the demands of the office which require a great deal of time in Boston. Therefore, I shall not seek the office of representative of the Third Hampden District," Mrs. Willis concluded.

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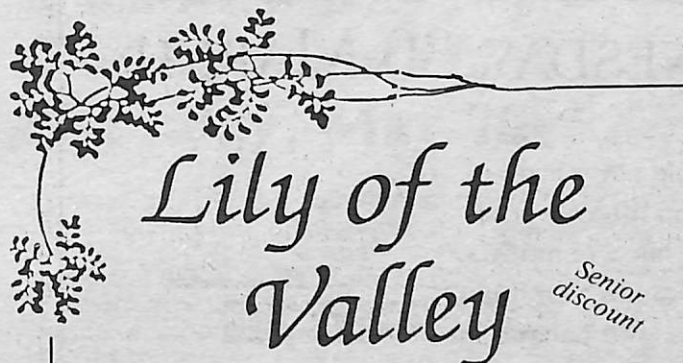
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, on THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock for all parties interested in the appeal of MR. LUIGI CHIARELLA, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-55 Paragraph C 13 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of an impound yard for registered and unregistered vehicles at the premises identified as 271 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET.

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Senator Melconian To Promote Plan For Economic Development In Western Mass.

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced her personal priority and the strong commitment of her Committee, the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, to promote economic development in Western Massachusetts through the development of emerging technologies.

"Western Mass has been devastated in recent years by job losses in the defense, aerospace, medical, insurance, and commercial retail sectors. As Chairwoman of the newly-formed Committee on Science and Technology, I and my Committee are avidly pursuing economic growth throughout Massachusetts," stated Melconian, adding, "The most effective way that we can create both high and low tech jobs and provide security for our citizens is through regionalization. Regionalization is critical to Massachusetts' economic survival, especially for Western Massachusetts."

The starting point for economic growth is to link Western Mass public educational institutions with industry and government into regional "clusters." Western Massachusetts boasts fine public higher educational institutions: University of Mass at Amherst, Springfield Technical Community College (the only technical community college in the state), as well as Westfield State and Holyoke Community College.

These institutions must become incubators of ideas and research. Industry must develop and transfer the ideas and research from the higher educational laboratories to commercialization. Resources must be shared. The public higher educational institutions are essential to foster and incubate educational and research programs relevant to the training of technical talent.

Industry must not only utilize the training and

re-training programs of academia, but also it must assist in the funding of these programs, both in-house and in the higher educational institutions. Government must provide the guarantees essential to enable state educational institutions and emerging technological companies to meet the Western Mass challenges of the 21st century.

The key emerging technologies that appear to be highly suited for growth and development in Western Mass include Biotechnology, MAGLEV (Magnetic Levitation High Speed Ground Transportation), and Telecommunications (including fiber optic technology). The Senate Committee on Science and Technology is preparing reports to show how these industries can be encouraged in Western Massachusetts.

Melconian stated, "Western Massachusetts is rich in academic and research facilities and water resources; it has an enviable transportation infrastructure, skilled labor forces, and has reasonable property taxes, home and business insurance costs, and an excellent quality of life environment. These elements will provide strong incentives to draw technologies to Western Massachusetts. Our Committee will seek out not only the resources available, but also it will write the necessary legislation to accelerate job growth of these industries in Western Massachusetts."

"The acute impact of the conditions of our area's economic recession has forced us to develop a vision and an aggressive, cooperative approach that is attractive to emerging technologies. Western Massachusetts and other distinctive regions of Massachusetts must be cultivated uniquely to enhance the competitiveness and economic activity of Massachusetts as a whole."

Fire-Wise...

Spring Cleaning For Fire Safety

by Fire Chief David Pisano

When it's time for spring cleaning, remember a clean house is a safer house. The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that trash, boxes, piles of clothes, and other combustibles in the home are fuel for a fire. Getting rid of them will help reduce the chance of fire in your home.

When storing heating devices to be used again next winter, make sure electric cords are not frayed or separating. Remember to remove kerosene before storing your kerosene heater. Often overlooked is the electric blanket. Follow the washing, care, and storage instructions that come with the blanket.

Clean out storage areas such as garages, attics, closets, sheds, and basements on a regular

basis. Even warehouses are limited to the amount of storage they can safely keep. Don't allow areas in your home to become tempting fuel for a fire. Throw away or give away items you are no longer using. Clutter gives fire a place to start and creates obstacles that might prevent escaping safely.

Oily rags can ignite without a heat source because they produce their own heat. Throw them out or store them in a closed metal container. This includes dusting rags used with a furniture polish or spray.

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Program On "Abuse" Presented At Agawam Jr. Women's Club Mtg.

On March 15th, Eileen Lewis, who is a representative of the Emergency Shelters/Companeros, spoke to the Junior Women's Club on abuse. She pointed out five types of abuse:

1) The first is physical violence where an individual strikes another, resulting in personal bodily injury.

2) The second is verbal abuse where the victim is referred to as stupid on a regular basis to the point where he/she begins to believe it's true.

3) The third is psychological abuse where a person uses trickery to convince one another that they are crazy.

4) The fourth is emotional abuse where an individual is told constantly they're not correct, not wanted, or needed to the point where the victim has very low self-esteem.

5) The fifth is sexual abuse where sex is forced on an individual who has clearly made it known that sexual advances are not wanted.

Who can be abused? Women, elderly (usually by their offspring), teenagers, children, and men. Ninety-five percent of the cases reported are battered women and teenage girls. However, many in the field feel there are many unreported cases of men who suffer from emotional abuse; men do not report this for fear of being considered socially weak.

Why do people abuse others? Abuse is greater today because of our growing population where children subjected to abuse years back have offspring carrying on those traits today. Other causes can be attributed to jealousy, power, stress, and the unemployment rate, but these have been proven to be less likely to result in physical violence.

What can a person who is abused do? Battered women and teenagers are at the greatest risk. Shelters have been built to protect these women who fear for their lives.

If you feel you are being abused, call the number below that pertains to your case: Battered Women, 733-7100; Child At Risk, 1-800-792-5200; Parental Stress, 1-800-632-8188; Elder Abuse, 1-800-922-2275; Mental Health, 568-6386; Sexual Assault, 545-0800.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Troop 78 Returns From Scouting Weekend At Moses Reservation

Boy Scout Troop 78 from the Springfield Turnverein is back in action. They just recently spent the weekend at Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation, where each patrol within the troop put on demonstrations for the other scouts of the troop and their invited Webelos Scouts.

First aid and rescue, making shelters with available materials, wood tools safety, lashings, and how to build camp and cook fires were demonstrated. Each patrol was then given a course where they applied these skills along with teamwork to complete the course.

Many scouts chose to sleep in tents for the weekend in spite of the cold nights. They enjoyed themselves and gained new confidence in their ability to survive and cope with adverse conditions and in the advantages of working cooperatively together.

The troop wishes to thank those who supported their "sportswear party" and the Turnverein, who gave them room to hold this fundraiser.

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McArthurs Welcome Baby Girl, Alexandra

Bill and Sandra (Nascembeni) McArthur of Grand Prairie, Texas, are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Alexandra Lacy McArthur, who was born on March 7th, 1994. She weighed eight pounds, 5½ ounces, and measured 20½ inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Bart Nascembeni of Springfield, and Eva Nascembeni of Agawam. ("Nonni" Eva visited her daughter and son-in-law in Texas and was there for the birth of her seventh grandchild.)

Alexandra's paternal grandparents are Joe and Doris McArthur of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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Ag. Senior Center April Calendar

Friday, April 2nd: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening (by appointment).

Monday, April 4th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, April 5th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders). Free service, by appointment.

Tuesday, April 5th: 10:00 a.m. Free hearing screening by the Weldon Mobile Hearing Center (by appointment).

Tuesday, April 5th: 12:30 p.m. Special Program - "Fixed vs. Variable Annuities" with Mr. Dean Godek of Valic.

Tuesday, April 5th: 1 p.m. Free blood pressure check. No appointment.

Wednesday, April 6th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes (by appointment).

Wednesday, April 6th: 9:00 a.m. "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center board meeting.

Wednesday, April 6th: 9:00 a.m. Free tax assistance (by appointment).

Wednesday, April 6th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers meeting, Chapter 2.

Monday, April 11th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Monday, April 11th: 7:00 p.m. "Beta Sigma Phi Sorority" program. Open to the public.

Tuesday, April 12th: 12:30 p.m. Special program - "Hearing Loss."

Tuesday, April 12th: 7:00 p.m. Fourth Pool Tourney. Agawam High School vs. Senior Center Pool Players.

Wednesday, April 13th: 9:00 a.m. Free tax assistance (by appointment).

Wednesday, April 13th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers meeting, Chapter 1.

Thursday, April 14th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Monday, April 18th: Senior Center closed (Patriots' Day).

Tuesday, April 19th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE service (by appointment).

Wednesday, April 20th: Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment).

Thursday, April 21st: Foot care nurses (by appointment).

Thursday, April 21st: Council On Aging trip to Computer Museum and JFK Library.

Friday, April 22nd: 12:30 p.m. Program on C.D. alternatives and estate planning.

Monday, April 25th: 1:30 p.m. Agawam Chapter AARP meeting.

Tuesday, April 26th: 10:00 a.m. Free hearing screening by the Weldon Mobile Hearing Center (by appointment).

Wednesday, April 27th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers meeting, Chapter 1.

Thursday, April 28th: 9:00 a.m. Foot care nurses (by appointment).

Saturday, April 30th: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) car wash fundraiser.

Notice to lunch customers at the Senior Center who participate in the lunch program on a daily basis:

Effective immediately—if you are on the perpetual "day to day" lunch reservation list at the Senior Center and you are unable to be at the center for lunch, please call to cancel your lunch reservation with us.

If you are on the "no show" list THREE times, you will automatically be taken off.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Returns:

On Monday, April 11th, at 7:00 p.m., Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will present "Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies." There will be slides, music, readings, and group participation.

If you have never attended this annual get-together, you are in for a treat. The homemade desserts are exceptional. Reservations are not necessary and there is no charge.

See you on the 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Fixed vs. Variable Annuities:

Mr. Larry Donn and Dean Godek, Career Account Representatives with Valic, will conduct a workshop on annuities on Tuesday, April 5th, at the Agawam Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

"Better Hearing" Presentation:

On Tuesday, April 12th, a representative of "Belltone" will give a presentation on how to conserve and protect your hearing, as well as information on hearing and available help. The presentation will take place at 12:30 p.m.

Pool Tournament On Tap:

On Tuesday, April 12th, at 7:00 p.m., the

Agawam High School students and members of the Agawam Senior Center Men's Pool Club will go head-to-head for the fourth year in a row to capture the revolving trophy.

Up to now, the Men's Pool Club has been been the victor; perhaps this will be the chosen year for the Agawam High School team.

Spectators are welcome to attend. The competition will take place at the Senior Center Pool Room.

Mass Pro (Massachusetts Peer Review Organization, Inc.):

A dynamite organization called "Mass Pro" is scheduled to be at the Senior Center on Friday, April 15th, at 12:30 p.m. to guide you to understanding your rights and responsibilities as a Medicare patient.

Mass Pro has been designated by the federal government as a peer review organization for the Medicare program in Massachusetts. As such, Mass Pro is responsible for reviewing the health care provided to Medicare beneficiaries to be sure that the care is medically necessary; meets quality standards established by the medical profession; and is provided in the most appropriate setting.

As a physician-sponsored organization, Mass Pro conducts this peer review to evaluate the use of health care resources and protect the quality of care provided to the Medicare patient.

Mark your calendars for this first-time program at the Senior Center for Friday, April 15th, at 12:30 p.m. Plan on having lunch and spend the afternoon with us.

For information, call Sandra Smith, Activities Department.

For Your Health ... With Nancy Dell:

Nancy Dell, renowned TV personality on Channel 22 and a registered dietitian, will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 3rd, to speak at our 12:30 program on diet and older adults.

Nancy has a segment on Channel 22 which covers many areas of food and good health, and has very interesting ideas for "natural" food remedies for colds and flus.

Don't miss this very informative program on Tuesday, May 3rd, at the Agawam Senior Center.

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Grief Workshop Series To Be Offered By Forastiere Family

The Forastiere Family Funeral Homes will be offering their bi-annual "Grief Workshop" series for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one, on Tuesdays, March 29th, April 5th, 12th, and 19th, at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 335 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

The series was designed exclusively by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes as part of their "OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow" emotional support program for people following the death of loved ones.

Lila Forastiere, Grief Counselor, developed the workshop seven years ago and has conducted it twice each year ever since. It has enjoyed continual growth and acclaim, having aided hundreds of bereaved people in our communities.

The focus of the workshop is to help bereaved people understand themselves and their families during the grief process, learn ways to cope with their daily living, and look toward their futures with renewed hope.

The Grief Workshop is a four session series, with each session building upon the previous one. During each segment, Lila discusses different aspects of the grieving experience. Because there is so much information she wishes to share, the workshop is designed in a lecture format; participants need only to listen.

Of course, they are encouraged to ask questions or to comment if they wish, but they are not asked to share their personal stories, nor are they required to talk at all. Lila requests that participants do only what is comfortable.

This is not a "support group" where there is group sharing for support, but rather more like a lecture series. [The "sharing of experience" format is very helpful and is offered monthly through several support groups].

The first session lays the groundwork for the series. "Grief" is discussed from a historical perspective and is defined in the context of a life's experience.

During the second session, Forastiere shares many "theories" about bereavement. "Looking at the grief process from many different angles is important for us to understand our own individual experiences," she states.

The third segment explores the physical effects and effects of the grief experience - grief is not an emotional "malady." There are very real, physical REASONS WHY people feel the way they do; and there are very important, tangible physical things that can be done to help oneself through the time when health is at risk.

The fourth week explores the meaning of the death of the loved one to an individual's world view - personal philosophy, spirituality, life's experience, etc. - and offers suggestions for working WITH the grief rather than AGAINST it.

Forastiere stresses that "understanding is a key to a healthy journey through grief; it's the important first step. The workshop can't take away the pain, but it often softens that pain and lessens its duration."

This program, as are all "Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow" programs, is offered by Forastiere Family Funeral Homes as a courtesy, free of charge, to anyone in the community who is grieving a death.

Mrs. Forastiere urges anyone who is grieving a loss of less than two years to take advantage of this community service program. She suggests that participants be beyond three months of bereavement.

Pre-registration is required. Call 733-5311 to register.

Agawam/F.H. AARP To Meet March 28th

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter No. 4915 of AARP will meet Monday, March 28th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Kevin McGurk, the "SOS" consumer complaint writer for the Springfield *Union News*, will be the guest speaker.

All seniors over 50 years of age are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Parenting Program Returning To Town At Agawam Library

Due to unprecedented demand, the Agawam Public Library will again be offering the Early Childhood Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.) program for parents of young children. This program will be offered in the Community Room of the library on consecutive Tuesday evenings from April 12th to May 17th.

Early childhood S.T.E.P. is designed for parents of children who are ages newborn through age five. The objective of this program is to help parents gain parenting skills, understand children's behavior and build self-esteem, foster communication and cooperation, effective discipline, and healthy family relationships.

S.T.E.P. was an overwhelming success when the library last offered the program in 1992. Please register soon as space is limited and the last offering of this program filled up very quickly.

The workshops will be led by Joyce Rheame of the Agawam School Department. Mrs. Rheame has been an early childhood teacher at Phelps School and a teacher in the Agawam Early Childhood Integrated Preschool Program for over six years. She has completed a master's degree in young children with special needs and has three young children of her own.

For more information or to register for this free six-week program, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Ag. Golden Age Clubs' Chapters 1 & 2 April Calendar

April 6th: Chapter 2 - Installation Banquet to be held at the Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield (with entertainment). Dinner at noon.

April 8th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' Meeting at 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

April 10th: Chapter 1 - Trip to Union City, New Jersey to view the "Passion Play."

April 12th: Chapter 2 - Luncheon at Chez Josef, followed by the "Charlie Prose Show."

April 13th: Chapter 1 - Installation Banquet to be held at the Storowton Carriage House, West Springfield (with entertainment). Dinner at 12:30 p.m.

April 20th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 with guests, the "Golden Blue Ribbon Singers" from West Springfield.

April 22nd: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' Meeting at 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

April 24th-April 28th: Chapter 2 - Trip to the Paramount Resort in the Catskills.

April 27th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 with gift bingo.

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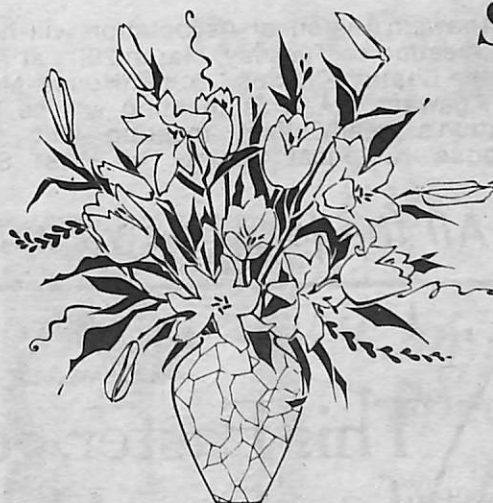
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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, March 28th: Meatloaf with gravy, au gratin potatoes, green beans, oatmeal bread, grapes.

Tuesday, March 29th: Cheese ravioli, extra meat sauce, broccoli & cauliflower, garlic bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

Wednesday, March 30th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, peas, whole wheat bread, applesauce with raisins.

Thursday, March 31st: French meat turnover, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, pumpernickel bread, peaches.

Friday, April 1st: Carrot soup, tunafish sandwich, three bean salad, cherry cobbler.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

AARP Nominating Committee Seeking Slate Of Officers

The nominating committee—Julian L. Miodowski, Eleanor Richards, and Lois S. Miodowski—of the Agawam/Feeding Hills chapter of AARP is in the process of submitting a slate of officers for the upcoming election. The committee is asking each member to help in the process of finding good candidates to place in nomination.

Please list the names of people you feel will be good leaders for the Agawam/Feeding Hills chapter. You may submit more than one name. You may also submit your own name if you are interested in any office.

The next AARP meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 28th, and Monday, April 25th (both meetings will be held at the Agawam Senior Center). The positions for election are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

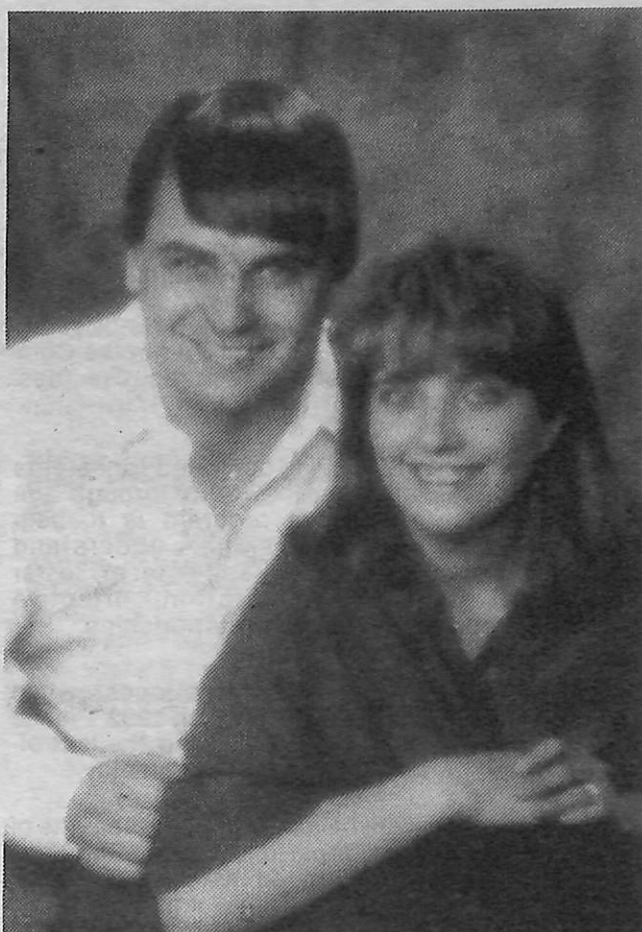
The nominating committee will make the final decision as to who will be the potential candidates.

Agawam Lioness Club Slates Next Meeting For Monday, April 4th

The Agawam Lioness Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street.

A baked breast of chicken dinner will be served, followed by several crafters demonstrating tee-shirt designing, lampshade cutting, designer fans, ceramics, and mop dolls.

All club members are encouraged to bring a friend, and anyone interested in attending may make reservations by calling Lil Doyle at 786-9586.



SHERRY CARLSON & KEVIN KAMYK

Sherry Carlson To Wed Kevin Kamyk

David and Deanna Carlson of Rutland announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Carlson, to Kevin Kamyk, son of Michael and Phyllis Kamyk of Agawam.

The future bride is a 1987 graduate of Rutland High School. She plans to graduate from Castleton State College in May with a double major in psychology and elementary education.

The future groom is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1988 graduate of Western New England College. He works as a tool designer for General Electric in Rutland.

The wedding will be held on May 21st, 1994 in Rutland.

Ag. Lioness Club To Sponsor Fashion & Sport Tee-Shirt Sale

Just in time for spring, the Agawam Lioness Club is sponsoring a name-brand fashion and sport tee-shirt sale. The sale will be held Tuesday, April 26th, at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Discount prices on name-brand tee tops, shirts, tank tops, windbreakers, shorts, and sweatshirts. Shop close to home, save money, and help support the many social services provided by the Agawam Lioness Club.

Ag. Historical Asso. To Meet March 29th

The Agawam Historical Association will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 29th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, MA. This meeting will be the association's yearly joint meeting with the Ramapogue Historical Society of West Springfield.

Baby Bear Coming To Forest Park Zoo

With your help, the Zoo in Forest Park will have a wonderful new addition — a baby bear.

Three weeks ago, a bulldozer in West Hampton accidentally disturbed a bear den. The mother ran away terrified and a tiny cub, just a few days old, was found. Every attempt to find the mother failed.

The tiny creature was brought to the home of Barbara and John Lewis of Springfield. Barbara is Operations Manager at the Zoo in Forest Park. They immediately started round the clock feedings with a special formula.

Thanks to Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital, an unused, obsolete isolette was donated. Because of Baystate's generosity, the Forest Park Zoological Society has named the precious creature Bandy, which is the symbol of the Children's Hospital and the namesake of its Bandy Bear Club.

Thanks to around the clock feeding and much love, Bandy is expected to live. However, it cannot survive in the wild and the Forest Park Zoological Society, with very little funds, cannot afford to keep Bandy without your help.

Therefore, a special "Bucks for Bandy" fundraising appeal is being undertaken with a goal of \$10,000.

All contributions will be used to provide a special home at the Zoo in Forest Park for Bandy, as well as food and needed veterinary care for him.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society, noted that, "Bandy is a wonderful little creature who deserves a safe, secure, and loving home with us. In addition, area residents will be delighted to meet Bandy when they visit the Zoo. I'm confident that our special \$10,000 goal will be reached."

Please make your tax-deductible donation to the Forest Park Zoological Society, Attention: Bandy the Bear, P.O. Box 80295, Springfield, MA 01138.

Please help. Time is of the essence. In addition to individual gifts, civic groups and business gifts are urgently requested.

For further information, call Barbara Lewis or Parker Hodgman at 733-2251.

Cub Pack 75 To Hold Record Hop Mar. 26th

Cub Pack 75 will be holding its annual Record Hop this Saturday, March 26th, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Springfield Turnverein, Garden Street, Feeding Hills. Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the Pack.

Music will be furnished by a D.J., and there will be a cash bar (please bring your own snacks). In addition, door prizes and raffles will be featured during the evening.

Tickets are \$6 each in advance, or \$7 at the door. Call 786-2309 or 789-1655; if there is no answer, leave message.

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Church News

St. David's Church Schedules Holy Week Services And Events

St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, has a full schedule of worship services and special events in honor of Holy Week, the annual observance of the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The public is cordially invited to attend the following:

Prayer Services - Nightly at 7:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, March 28th and 29th. Come together with others for a half-hour of prayer and Bible readings centered on the great events of this important week.

Tenebrae Service - Wednesday evening, March 30th, at 7:00 p.m. Gather in a darkened church to recite in unison psalms and hymns which recall the greatness of Christ's sacrifice for us. Following the 45-minute service, healing prayers will be offered for those so desiring.

A Simply Supper - Consisting of hearty soup and bread, Thursday, March 31st, at 5:30 p.m., with readings and a re-enactment of Jesus washing His disciples' feet on the night before He died, followed by...

A Service of Holy Communion - At which time we commemorate the Lord's instituting this way of remembering the offering of His Body and Blood for us on the cross.

A Children's "Stations of the Cross" Hour - Good Friday, April 1st, at 10:00 a.m. Children will hear (told at their level) the stories of the last week of Jesus' life, followed by a walking in the way of the cross with Jesus in the interior of the church building. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

A Showing of the Film, "The Hiding Place" - Good Friday, April 1st, at 3:00 p.m. Come see the story of Corrie Ten Boom's work in rescuing Jews from the Holocaust during World War II. A gripping story of the horrors of human sin and the power of God's saving love. The film will be followed by...

A Simple Supper - At 5:30 p.m. to digest the impact of the film, and to prepare for...

The Stations of the Cross - At 7:00 p.m.

A Brief Service of Holy Communion - Designed for those unable to attend full Easter services due to age or infirmity, to be held Saturday, April 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. Transportation to and from the service will be available upon request.

A Children's Easter Communion Service - Saturday, April 2nd, at 5:00 p.m., featuring the Junior and Cherub Choirs. A special gift and an Easter flower will be given to all children in attendance.

A Traditional Easter Communion Service - Sunday, April 3rd, at 8:00 a.m., featuring hymns and the rich words of the traditional Prayer Book.

A Contemporary Easter Communion Service - At 10:00 a.m., featuring hymns, songs of praise, the Senior Choir and Praise Team, and the enthusiastic liturgy now in use throughout the church.

Reservations for the suppers or further information about these and other church events may be obtained by calling the parish office, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at 786-6133, or by leaving a message on the church answering machine.

Ag. Congregational Slates Spring Festival

Come to a "Spring Festival" on Saturday, April 16th, at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The festival will be fun for everyone and will offer great things to eat. There will be "goodies" for taking home, as well as gift items for birthdays and anniversaries.

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LAST YEAR'S "Children's Good Friday Service" at St. David's Church brought a large crowd of kids. This year's service will be Friday, April 1st.

Maundy Thursday At Valley Community

Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Church, Feeding Hills will be holding its Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, March 31st beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Easter celebration begins on Easter morning at 6:00 a.m. with the Sunrise Service out on the lawn overlooking the valley. (Service will be inside the church only if it rains, so dress warmly).

Coffee with donuts and danish will be served

downstairs in Dunn Hall following the service to help warm up all those attending.

The Easter celebration will continue with the church Service at 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Stephen Dennehy will be leading this season of celebration.

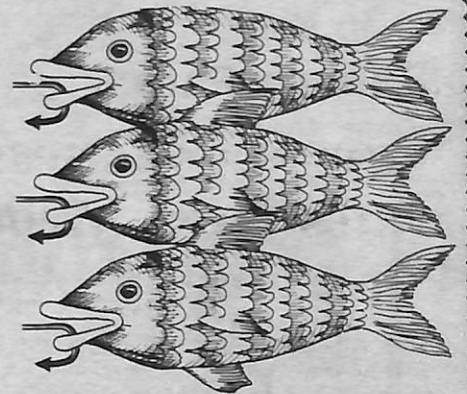
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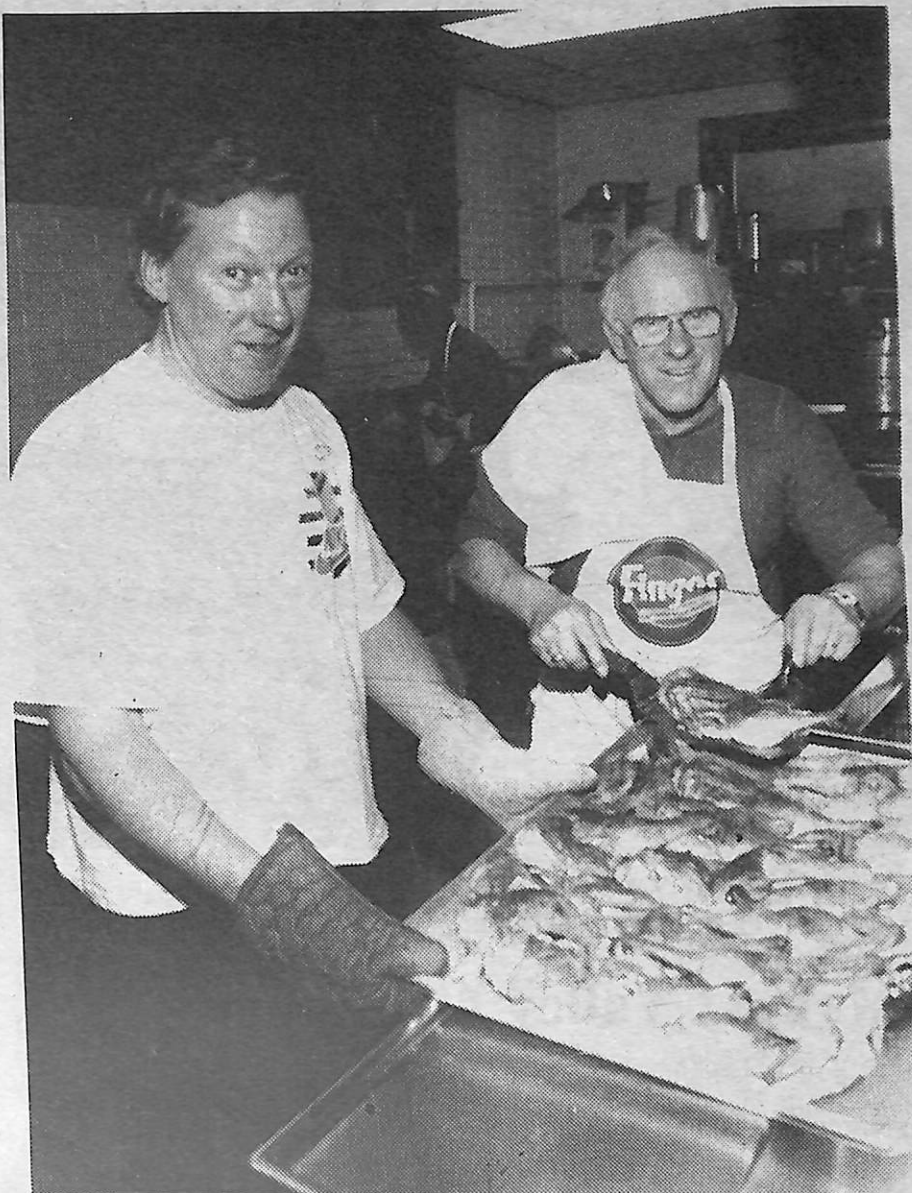
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Chicken Supper Held Again At Valley Community



CHIEF CHICKEN COOKERS for the March 12th Chicken Supper at Valley Community Church included Ken Blackman and Ray Pronovost. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MYRON & BETTY CZERAPOWICZ enjoy their chicken supper with all the trimming at Valley Community Church on March 12th. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Valley Community Plans Bake Sale

The Women's Club of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills will be sponsoring a bake sale.

This event will be held at K-Mart on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield on Good Friday, April 1st beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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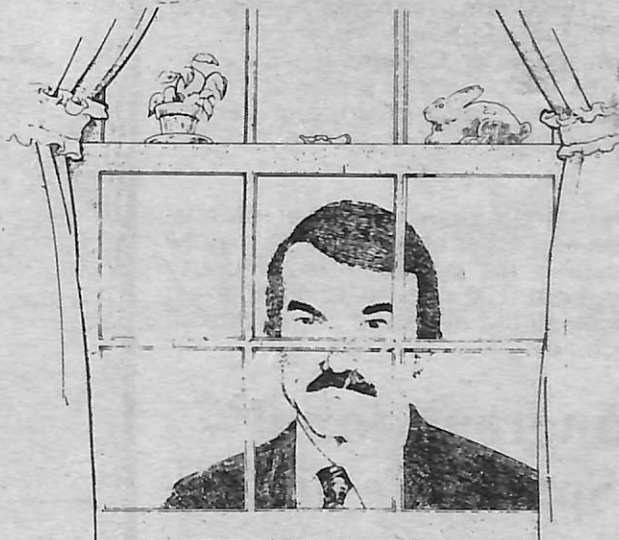
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THE TAYLOR KIDS, Brett (above) and Ashley (below) gobble down their chicken dinners at Valley Community Church on March 12th. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Ag. Congregational's Listing Of Events

This Sunday, March 27th, the members of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will celebrate Palm Sunday. Palms will be given out following the Worship Service. Join the church members this Sunday and begin the walk of Christ on this Holy Week.

The last New Member class for this session will be held on Sunday, March 27th. Anyone wishing to join this class is welcome to attend.

There will be three Easter Services conducted by the Agawam Congregational Church. A Sunrise Service at 5:24 a.m. will be held at Provin Mountain on the east lawn. There will also be 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Plan on attending one or all three. From 7:00 to 10:30 a.m., there will be a ham and

egg breakfast held in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the breakfast, but donations are welcome.

This Friday, March 25th, starting at 6:00 p.m., is Adults Night Out— all adults are invited to join members of the Agawam Congregational Church for a movie and pizza.

Everyone will meet at the church and carpool to the Showcase Cinemas to see "Schindler's List." Don't miss the movie that won seven Oscars, including Best Picture!

Pizza at the Pizza Hut, Riverdale Road, West Springfield, will follow the movie. Bring a friend, bring a spouse, bring a date, or come alone.

3*2*1*KONTACT will meet Saturday, March 26th, at the church at 1:30 p.m. to travel to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

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Agawam Clergy Gather For Annual Luncheon



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CLERGY meet for their Annual Luncheon on March 15th at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. TOP PHOTO, from left - Rev. Fuller, Mr. Pronovost, Father LeBreton, Vera Conway, Sister Sullivan, Sister White, and Father Tatro. PHOTO BELOW - Rev. Cope, Father Meehan, Rev. McLane, Rev. Morris, Rev. Whang, Rev. Cowan, and Rev. Potter (seated). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



From the PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

A Lenten Questionnaire
(Part Two)

Part two of the questionnaire which follows is a good way to prepare oneself for new life in Christ. Part one had to do with our relationship with God, and appeared in the March 10th edition of *The AAN*; part two concerns our relationship with others.

4. "Jesus said, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Mark 12:31).

Do you love others as you would have them love you? Is your love for them "patient and kind ... not jealous or boastful ... not arrogant or rude ... not insisting on its own way ... not irritable or resentful ... not rejoicing at wrong, but rejoicing in the right ... bearing all things, believing all things, hoping all things, enduring all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)?

5. "Honor thy father and thy mother." (Exodus 20:12).

Are you committing primary energy or maintaining the primary relationships in your life? Are you respectful of those in authority over you, whether at home, school, work, church, community, or nation? Within or outside of your family, with whom do you have strained relations? Are there those individuals or groups of people to whom you are indifferent or towards whom you feel reproach or scorn? Are you pursuing the cause of peace with all people, the cause of justice and righteousness in and beyond the spheres of home, church, school, job, and community? (Luke 17:4; Ephesians 4:31-32; 1 Peter 5:13-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

6. "Thou shalt do no murder." (Exodus 20:13).

Is there someone who may have wronged you, whom you cannot forgive, and towards whom you feel continuing resentment or bitterness? Do you try to help others, inwardly as well as outwardly, or are you primarily looking for ways to get ahead of or be superior to others? (Matthew 5:21-24; Matthew 6:12-15; Matthew 18:21-22; Philippians 2:3-4).

7. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14).

Is God's commandment the standard for you in sexual matters, not only in relationships with others (sex outside of marriage, homosexuality), but also in regard to your own inner life (lustful fantasies, pornography)? (Matthew 5:27-28; Colossians 3:5; Romans 1:24-27).

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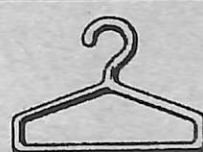
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8. "Thou shalt not steal." (Exodus 20:15).
Have you illegally taken something for your own or not returned something which you borrowed, or not reported something which you have earned? What do you possess that you don't really need, and that someone else needs badly? Does God receive His share of your earnings? (Luke 12:15-21; Ephesians 4:28; Matthew 25:31-46).

9. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." (Exodus 20:16).

To whom have you lied? Whom have you judged deliberately, falsely, or unkindly, either by spoken or written word? (Psalm 63:11; Revelations 21:8; Luke 6:37-42; John 7:24).

10. "Thou shalt not covet." (Exodus 20:17).

Whom do you secretly envy because of their personal appearance, reputation, position, abilities, or possessions? Can you rejoice with someone who has more than you, or do you become bitter when you compare yourself with such a person? Are you ready to receive everything which comes to you in life as coming from God, even that which you do not understand and which is not according to your personal preferences? (Psalm 37:1-4; Galatians 5:26; Romans 12:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Your first step: Having read through all of the questions completely, now ask God to reveal those areas in which you have gone astray from Him and His ways. Concentrating on specific questions, write down your sins, very specifically. Now bring your confession in prayer to the Lord: admit your sin against Him and others; trust in Him having paid the penalty on the Cross.

Then repent: decide to change, and ask God for the power of His Spirit to live a new life, walking in His ways and in His Love. Many people will find it helpful to talk these matters over with someone who can offer spiritual counsel.

F.H. Congregational Lists Easter Activities

On Palm Sunday, March 27th, the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Choir will present its annual Easter Cantata. This year's music is taken from *The Cup, The Cross And The Crown* by Randolph Johnston, and will have music by Jon Paige, Gregg Sewell, Douglas Wagner, and Anthony Poole inserted as well.

For this special service, Bob Johnson will be our narrator, and the featured soloists will be Matthew Granger, Kathy Moore, and Richard and Lani Kretchmar.

This service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with child care provided for little ones. After the service, there will be a coffee hour which all are welcome to attend.

On March 31st at 6:00 p.m., we will have our Maundy Thursday service. We will begin by sharing a pot-luck supper, after which the Board of Deacons will present a short program about the symbols and their significance of the Seder meal in our lives today.

At 7:30 p.m., we will move to the church sanctuary for our Tenebrae service. At this service, there will be special music, selected readings from the Bible, and Communion will be served. We believe in open Communion and all are welcome to partake.

On Easter Sunday, April 3rd, we will have a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast at the church. Our regular church service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and child care will be provided for little ones.

God blessed us by giving us His Son, and He has also blessed us with the lives of our own children. Some of our children are now singing together in our Junior Choir, and we look forward to hearing them sing again at our Easter Sunday Service.

Please come and join us at any or all of these services. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 786-5061, or Kathy Moore at 789-1750.

Sunday School classes for all age groups and Morning Worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Holy Week & Easter Services Planned For St. John's Church Starting March 26th

Father Richard F. Meehan, pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam, invites everyone to participate in the special Holy Week and Easter Services to be held at the church.

Palms will be blessed at all Masses on the weekend of **March 26th and 27th** and the Passion of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed from the Gospel of St. Mark. The solemn blessing with the procession of palms commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem will take place at the 9:30 Mass.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, the daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. On **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**, Morning Prayer will be sung at 8:30 a.m.

On **Holy Thursday, March 31st**, the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. and will include the washing of feet. The service will conclude with a candlelight procession to the altar of reposition which will be set up in the foyer of the Parish Center.

Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament in memory of Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane will continue until 11:00 p.m. Father Meehan will lead a holy hour from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m.

The Stations of the Cross for children will be

prayed on **Good Friday at 12:00 noon** and for adults at **3:00 p.m.** The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m.** This will include the dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus Christ from Gospel of St. John, the Veneration of the Cross and a Holy Communion Service.

On **Holy Saturday, April 2nd**, all are invited to bring Easter food and children's Easter baskets to the Parish Center meeting room at **10:00 a.m.** for the traditional blessing. The Easter Vigil Service will begin at **7:00 p.m.**, with the Blessing of Fire at the entrance to the Church, followed by the lighting of the Pascal Candle.

The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) will be sung by Father John K. Sheaffer, Parochial Vicar at Saint John's. The Blessing of Water, the reception of nine new adult members into the Catholic Church, and the renewal of Baptismal promises by the congregation will follow the Bible readings. This solemn Liturgy will conclude with Easter Mass.

The Masses for **Easter Sunday, April 3rd**, will be at **7:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.**

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Church News - continued...

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Lent is a season to remember the death and the resurrection of Jesus according to the church calendar. Since Jesus' death on the cross for sins of people and his resurrection from death is the most significant for the life of the church, the churches are remembering and celebrating the season.

During the Lenten season this year, Agawam United Methodist Church is preparing for special music and services. Some of the services that are worthy of notice include Palm Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. on March 27th, Maundy Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m., Sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. at the Agawam High School grounds on April 1st, and Easter Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

The Holy Communion will be held for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services. After the Sunrise service, free breakfast will be served by the church members at the church.

The church choir is preparing for the sacred music during those special occasions. The choir will sing "The Psalms" and "The Holy City" on Palm Sunday, "Ballad of the Trees and the Master" on Maundy Thursday, and "Now Jesus Lives" and "The First Easter Dawn" on Easter Sunday.

The church is holding Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m., prayer and healing service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, and the Bible study on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at the church (with coffee and muffin).

Everyone is invited to the services at the church. For more information, please call the church at 786-4174.

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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that the Town of Agawam has applied for Transfer of Ownership of Common Victualer/All Alcoholic Beverages License at the Agawam Country Club, 128 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Building consisting of: two floors, one room on each floor and back room for storage. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 12, 1994, at 6:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Easter Morning Service Again To Be Held At Valley Community

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This year, this holiday, make your resolution the first thing you do upon awakening on Easter morning. Join others, just like yourself, HIGH ON A HILLTOP in FEEDING HILLS, overlooking the still sleepy valley.

Listen to the stillness, then the chirping of waking birds. Look out around the valley at nature's beauty and in the distance, coming ever closer, hear the sound of bagpipes rejoicing in the dawn of day.

Listen with a peaceful heart to the words of Rev. Stephen Dennehy as he speaks to us all, church members, families, friends, neighbors, strangers, all of us children of God.

This Easter, start your day with a "Sunrise Service" beginning at 6:00 a.m., HIGH ON A HILLTOP in Feeding Hills at Valley Community Church Congregational, 152 South Westfield St. (Route 187), or join us for our Easter Service at 10:00 a.m.

Not only will you enjoy seeing God's beauty, you will be at peace hearing God's word.

Valley Comm. Church Slates Potluck Lunch

The Valley Community Church Congregational will hold its second Potluck Luncheon following the church service on Sunday, March 27th.

The turnout for January's service and luncheon was so well-attended and received that organizers decided to hold one every other month on the last Sunday.

Church service attendees are asked to bring their favorite potluck dish or dessert and drop it off downstairs in Dunn Hall before church at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to stay for the luncheon after service (even if you are unable to bring something) and join in the fellowship of this friendly community gathering.

The Valley Community Church is located high on the hill overlooking the beautiful panoramic view of the Pioneer Valley at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Good Friday-April 1

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- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Office and
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday-April 2

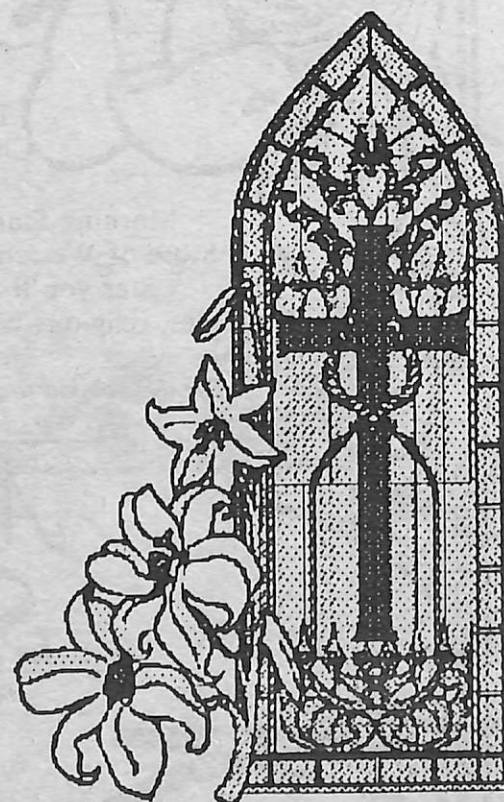
- 11:00 a.m. Caregivers Eucharist
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Eucharist with Junior Choir
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Easter Sunday-April 3

- 8:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist
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Spotlight On Business



WALNUT STREET CLEANERS owner and operator **Liz Greenway** with two of her loyal staff members - **Maria Russo** and **Joni Wisnieski**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WASHING, DRYING, and FOLDING laundry is not problem at **Walnut Street Cleaners & Laundromat**, says employees **Gertrude Spagnoli** and **L.G. Rullmann**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Walnut Cleaners Opens Store II In Southwick

To be, or not to be, that is the question.

For town resident **Liz Greenway**, she decided "to be," an entrepreneur, that is, when she purchased **Walnut Street Cleaners & Laundromat**, located at 339 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, in January 1992.

And if "to be" in Agawam was not enough, **Liz** decided in January "to be" in Southwick when she reopened the former **Southwick Finest Cleaners** at 515 College Highway, Southwick, exactly two years to the day that she opened the doors on Walnut Street Extension.

That day in January, incidentally, is her father's birthday and holds great sentimental value for her.

Asked about her purchase of her second location, now called **Walnut II**, **Liz** told us, "I saw the opportunity and grabbed it. We are now the only cleaners in Southwick and it is a growing community. I see us doing great things there, just like we do in Agawam."

Liz has actually bucked the times. In 1992 she was apprehensive about her purchase of **Walnut Street Cleaners & Laundromat** because the recession was on and many local businesses were listing while others were just shutting their doors forever. "I remember being a bit afraid at first but that just made me work even harder. I am lucky to be surrounded by a great staff at both locations and we have built our business through loyal customers who love our facilities and dedicated service," said **Liz**.

Liz has that type of personality which naturally draws people to her locations. She shuffles daily between Walnut Street Extension and College Highway, but somehow has managed her time to provide equal attention to both. **Liz** is popular with her many business neighbors on Walnut Street Extension. She usually squeezes in time each day to stop by and say hello to her neighbors and to patronize the large variety of services offered on Walnut Street Extension.

She remains excited about the prospects for expanded business for Walnut Street Extension. She says the combination of restaurants and specialized services makes the area unique. Also, she pointed to the upcoming renovation to the large building across the street that once housed Standard Uniform Services, Wallpaper Warehouse Factory Outlet, and Joe Colitti's Men's Clothing as a "great thing" for her business neighborhood.

"The more people that visit our business district means the more people that will patronize all of us," she told us.

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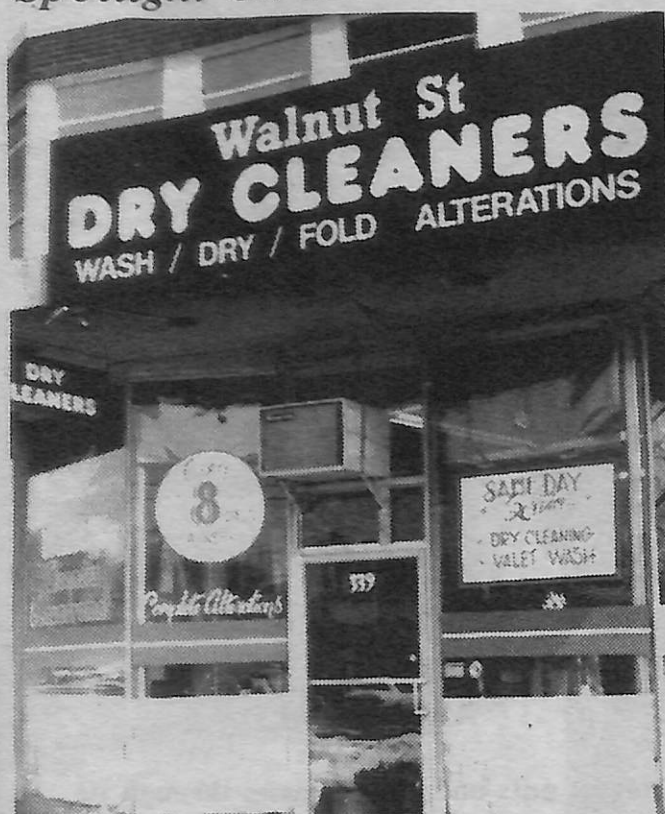
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WALNUT STREET DRY CLEANERS is open daily and is famous for its customer service. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Walnut Street Cleaners & Laundromat specializes in service. Each fabric is given special attention. Most stubborn spots or stains can be removed with a little extra effort. If Liz and staff can't fix the stain, well, it can't be fixed. If a button is missing, it is replaced, free of charge, as a convenience for the patron.

For those wishing to drop off their laundry, a valet service is offered. In addition to washing and drying, clothes are hung, folded, and bagged. Liz said, "We also provide same-day service as needed."

Walnut Street Cleaners & Laundromat can fill every laundering need. To the front of the store, articles to be dry cleaned are accepted. Garments



LIZ GREENWAY, owner of **Walnut Street Cleaners** and **Walnut II** in Southwick, puts some time in at her new **College Highway** store with employee **Jennifer Mulinare**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

of all kinds, including drapes, comforters, and blankets line this area. Another popular feature of this department is the shirt service. Liz has lost count of the number of shirts coming in and out (but the grin on her face says that number is high).

To the rear of the facility is the laundromat area where people come in and do their own washing and drying. Liz makes sure that all washers and dryers are checked and cleaned after every load to ensure the best results for her customers.

"I don't want anything that may be left in the machine to ruin anyone's clothing," she said. Liz also works on all her machines herself. "It is still really a challenge, but we really try here."

Alterations and repairs are also done on and off the premises. **Walnut Street Cleaners & Laun-**

dromat will handle requests from minor repairs to wedding gowns.

Her Southwick facility, **Walnut II**, offers all the same services as in Agawam, except for the laundromat. However, shoe repairs are a feature done in Southwick that is not offered in Agawam.

Walnut Street Cleaners is open Monday to Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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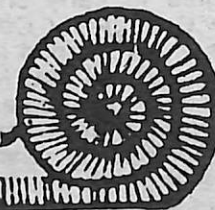
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Ray Shugart's School Of Tae Kwon-Do Continues To Grow

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

A door opens and one enters the brightly-lighted, freshly-painted suite of rooms that is the **Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do** (the Art of Self Defense), owned and operated by Raymond Shugart at 680 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The energy of the students permeates the scene as they hurry barefoot on new carpeting toward classes. Students of varied ages with their instructors are wearing the white uniforms (like Oriental pajamas) of the martial arts with school patches on the chest. As quickly as the classes are assembled, focus is concentrated on controlled movement, and one group can be observed from the hallway or office via a picture window.

Everyone and everything is being readied for the formal re-opening of the renovated school, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th, when the public is invited to visit to see the premises, watch demonstrations, and enjoy refreshments in what Shugart calls "a quality school offering quality training."

Shugart himself is a fourth-degree black belt and was manager of the United States Tae Kwon-Do team for three years. In a recent interview, he said that the best teacher he ever had was Master K.S. Hwang, an eighth-degree black belt, who will be a special guest at the open house. Master Hwang will have with him members of Hwang's Black Belt Association at 2:00 p.m. There will be demonstrations of board-breaking and self-defense.

The school retains not a hint of the machine shop that the site was for many years. As a young illustrator and draftsman, Shugart did some work in this machine shop in the 1970's. He remembers telling his former boss that he could make a great school of this building (which is located at the rear of 680 Springfield Street), little dreaming it would come true. Shugart also worked as an illustrator for Otis Elevator of Connecticut before martial arts consumed him.

Asked how he became interested in martial arts, Shugart admitted with a broad grin, "When I felt I had been picked on one too many times." He practiced in the basement of his home with his daughter, Jackie (now a black belt), and was joined by friends and their friends until they were a large enough group to rent a local banquet hall. The school moved to its present site 2½ years ago.

He said he has always been careful about whom he lets participate, as he wants no troublemakers. "Attitude is important!" he declared.

The school now has 200 students, and there were 300 persons at this year's Christmas party.

The School Itself

The school is more than 5,000 square feet on two floors. Upstairs is one huge training room with mirrors almost covering one wall. There is a practice area (available at all times) with kick bags. Also available are four bathrooms, a waiting room with a monitor (so persons waiting can observe groups in action), two training rooms, two changing rooms (one for women, one for men), and two offices.

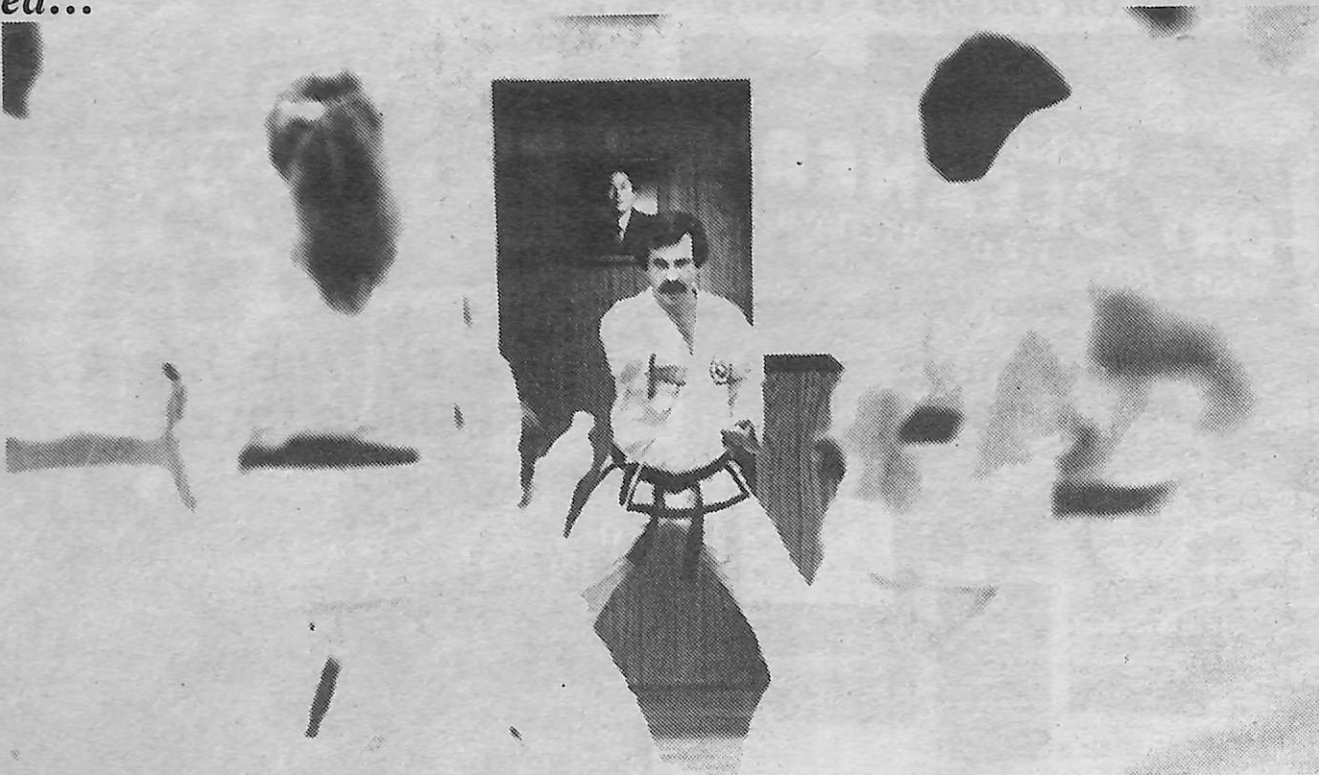
Shugart's oyster grey office has a picture window to the general office and hallway. This area is painted mauve with a black border near the ceiling representing the black belt. It is strewn with flowers indicating that women are also black belts.

This touch was suggested by Shugart's assistant—a woman black belt who has been with Shugart for eight years, four as a teacher. She earned a degree in early childhood education from Holyoke Community College in June and said she uses skills learned in college to teach four to five year olds (Mighty Mites) martial arts.

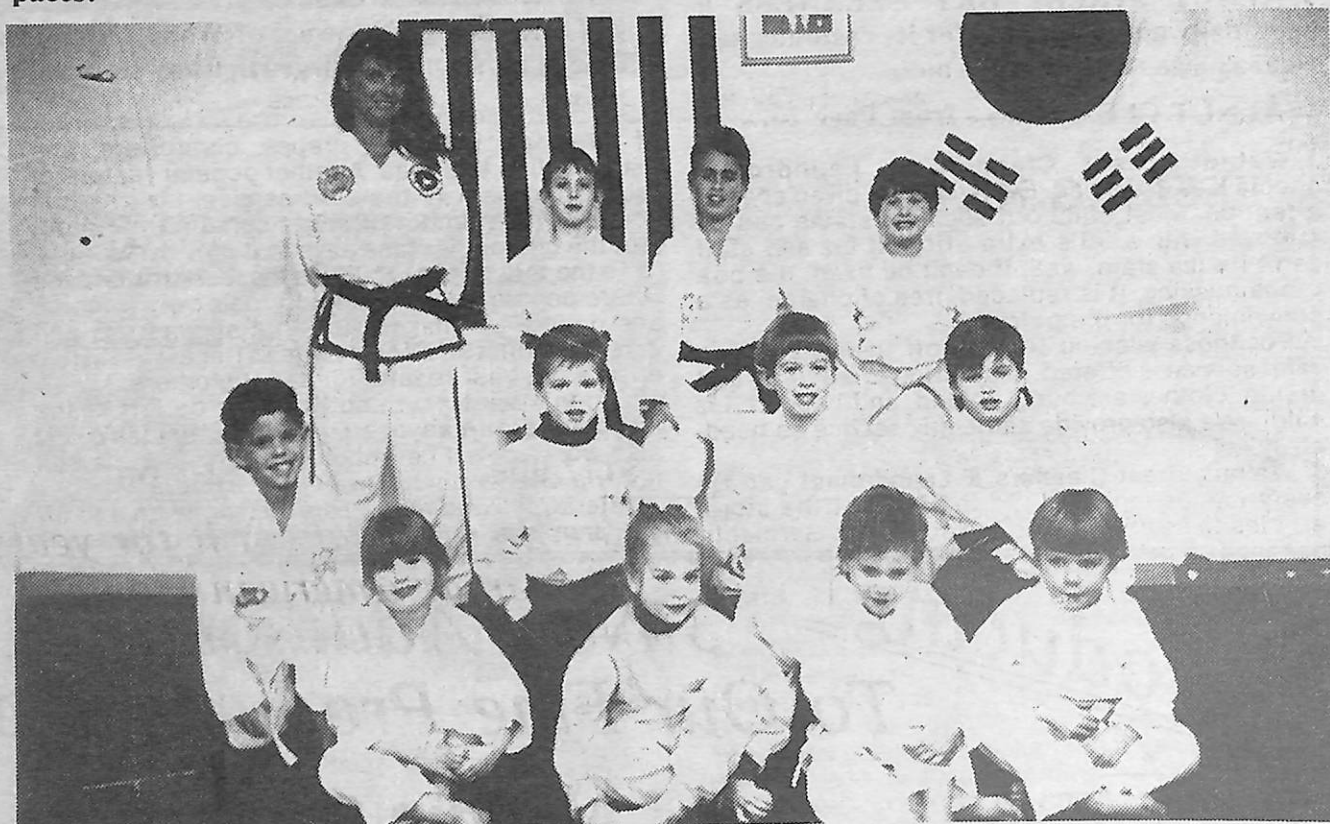
"We do a lot of work on balance and focus with this group that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Five to nine year-olds (color belts) meet Mondays through Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.," said Shugart.

Beginners always have white belts (even if adults), and then the belt colors change with skills learned and testing passed. There is testing every three months for promotion, and it generally takes 3½ years to earn a black belt, Shugart said.

One progresses through white belt and then two degrees of yellow, green, blue, red, and black. Training is unlimited and it is assumed the student becomes a teacher. Teaching is part of training, Shugart said, so advanced students teach part-time at the school. His students range in age from four to 58, he said.



FOURTH DEGREE BLACK BELT Raymond Shugart puts one of his classes through its paces.



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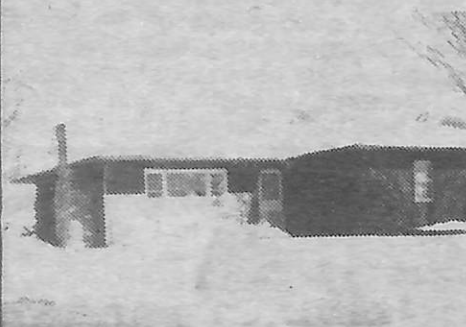
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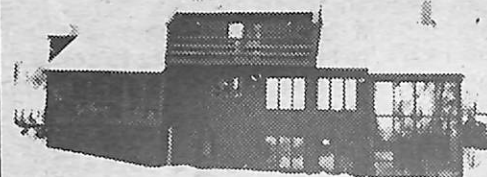
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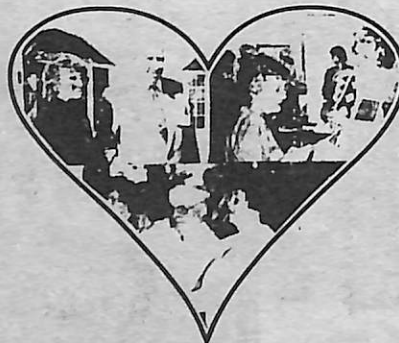
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TAE KWON-DO - from Page 22 ..

"The atmosphere in the school pleases many parents," Shugart said. "Besides the health aspects, Tae Kwon-Do (Korean martial arts) indicates a mental training and control as well as techniques of unarmed combat for self-defense. It gives confidence and an ego boost to the not-so-strong, and mental training is stressed to insure that a student uses it correctly."

Many sports primarily use the dominant side of the body, he continued, but martial arts create balance by using both sides of the body and stimulating mental activity in both sides.

Many parents report discipline level improvement in school and at home, increased self-esteem, confidence, and general interest in the student. Some parents train with their children.

Tenets Of The Schools

The tenets expounded by Hwang's Schools of Tae Kwon-Do include: **courtesy**—being polite to one another, to distinguish instructor from student and senior from junior; **integrity**—to be honest, sincere, if wrong to feel guilt, and ability to define right from wrong; **perseverance**—to keep trying, set a goal, and persevere; **self-control**—to control and be responsible for one's actions; and **indomitable spirit**—not to be easily discouraged when one's principals are pitted against overwhelming odds.

The junior creed is: "Winners never quit, quitters never win. I intend to be a winner."

There are morning, afternoon, and evening classes, including a class in self-defense for women. Shugart also teaches a credited women's class in self-defense at Springfield College.

There are Hwang's Schools of Tae Kwon-Do in 12 states, and Shugart is the senior black belt. He said he has traveled around the world teaching self-defense and is proud of the fact that some of his students have been chosen to represent the U.S. Tae Kwon-Do team abroad.

Shugart would like to dispel the popular myths about martial arts that he feels the public gets from television and movies. "This is a well-run school," he said. "We teach the art of self-defense." He urges the public to come to the open house and to see the facilities, equipment, and caliber of training.

Mileage Rate Unchanged For 1993 Tax Filing

Business travelers can deduct 28 cents a mile for an unlimited number of business miles in 1993; the same as for the 1992 tax year.

As an alternative, business travelers can choose to deduct their actual expenses, such as gas, oil, lease or rental fees (subject to special rules), insurance, tolls, and repairs for the business use of a vehicle.

A complete explanation, which includes rules on leased cars, depreciation, partial business use, and recordkeeping, is in IRS Publication 917, *Business Use of a Car*. To order a free copy, call 1-800-829-3676.

You can listen to IRS recorded information on the subject by calling Tele-Tax at 1-800-829-4477. Ask for topic 510.

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Determining The Price Of Your Home

Why do some home sit on the market for months while others sell within 60 to 90 days? Frustrated sellers and real estate agents will blame a bad market, while a real estate professional will tell you that many times, a slow sale is often attributed to the listing price, marketing plan, and potential buyers' first impression of your home.

If a home is over-priced, buyers will stay away. But if the home is competitive with similar homes in the area and "shows" better than the competition, it will have a better chance of being sold quickly.

The secret is perfecting a technique that's as American as apple pie; **comparative shopping**.

Although comparing houses with different styles, square-footage, and locations is challenging, real estate professionals still feel it's one of the best methods to use when determining a home's market value.

A professional real estate agent will effectively evaluate a home's worth through a process known as **COMPARATIVE MARKETING EVALUATION (CME)**.

Taking a look at assets (such as a sun room, bigger than normal living spaces, a fantastic view, adjacent to city parks and other attractions), the agent will begin to compare your home with similar properties—called "comparables"—that have sold in the area within the last six months. Typically, the agent is able to recommend a

realistic price range that will ensure top dollar at a reasonable price.

However, factors such as the amount of time needed to sell your home can alter the agent's price recommendation dramatically.

Typically, real estate agents will review recent sales in your community to determine the average market time for all listings. Professional real estate sales associates will explain to you that the marketing "norms" vary with prices and properties. Based on this criteria, the agent should feel confident that he or she will be able to sell your home for a price that both you and the buyer will be happy with.

However, if you are under time restraints because of unexpected job changes or moving agreements you've made on another property, this will narrow your chances of selling your home for top dollar in the market.

Assuming you have sufficient time to market your home, here are the steps most professional agents will take to finding the right price for your property:

- The best comparison can be made with similar homes that have been sold within the last 90 days as opposed to the standard six months. Any longer and other factors, such as the economy, could cloud the view of how much your home is really worth.

- Another good bench mark that is used, is to review selling prices of homes that have just sold and are pending closing. Most Multiple Listing Services (MLS) provide information on deals pending that most professional real estate agents have access to and will share with you.

- A professional real estate agent will make eight to 10 comparisons of comparable properties within a three-mile radius of your home before setting a recommended selling price. When your agent has completed their evaluation, you and your agent can feel comfortable that the price you've selected is a good gauge of the home's worth and won't discourage qualified buyers.

Being open and honest about what you see as your home's greatest strengths and biggest weaknesses will also help your agent get a better feel for how to best evaluate or assess and market your home. Think of your home as if you were the buyer. If your home is listed at the right price and shows well, you're on your way to a speedy and fruitful sale.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of Century 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills [789-1117].)

Customer Service Program To Be Presented By Dr. Sobel

The full-day program, "Prolific Customer Service—Getting It Right!", will be offered on Thursday, April 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield. The presented is Dr. Steve Sobel.

The program will benefit businesses and organizations that wish to identify and rectify barriers to true customer driven service (CDS) in both

the profit and non-profit environment. A comprehensive program description and registration information can be obtained by calling Dr. Sobel's office at 785-1259 or 1-800-874-7189.

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A Stuffed Coleman...



V & F Auto on Springfield Street, Agawam, is holding a drawing to win a Coleman Cooler stuffed with various car care goodies, valued up to \$75. Just stop by and sign-up to win. The drawing is April 15th. Showing off the prize is employee Bruce Cooper II. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

ERA Realty Wins National MDA Award

ERA Goodnough & Wagner Realty has been honored by Electronic Realty Associates, Inc. (ERA) with a President's Award for its 1993 fundraising efforts for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

The award was presented during the 1994 ERA international business conference held March 7th through 9th in San Antonio, Texas. ERA Goodnough & Wagner raised more than \$8,000 in 1993 through a fundraising "jail and bail" held on November 30th, 1993.

ERA Goodnough & Wagner Realty extends its appreciation to all persons and companies who participated, and a special "thank you" has been sent from Jerry's kids.

The following businesses and individuals participated in the jail and bail and/or made donations to ERA's fundraiser: E.B's Restaurant; Limosine Service; Mr. Zucker; Fashion Bug; K-Mart Plaza; Barclay's; Multibank; Spaghetti Warehouse; Northeast Savings Bank, V.P. Christine Mitchell; Boston Chicken; Ames; Paul McMillan; Richard Pisano of Agawam Federal Credit Union; Cogswell Mfg. Co. by Rich Bates; Heritage Hall Nursing & Rehab; Fleet Mortgage; Abdow's; Sebastian's; Chuck E. Cheese; Jim Graham of NALC; Jim Stone of Interstate Design; Dan Armstrong of Ground Round; Louis Russo; Chestnut Tree Salon & Spa; Connie LaPlante of ERA M. Connie LaPlante; Michael Sanders of Norwest Mortgage; Kathy Kalaitzidis of Christo's Restaurant; and Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano.

ERA Goodnough & Wagner Realty extends many thanks to all for their support, time, and generosity.

Advice For Business Owners: How To Survive Paying Taxes

One problem many new business owners may run into is not budgeting money to set aside for taxes, whether business or individual. Then when it comes time to file, there is little or no money to pay the tax due. Not filing tax returns is not the solution to the problem.

The key is not to wait until the time to file and pay has come and gone. But, if you have already missed a filing date, act now before your problem escalates and your tax bill becomes unmanageable with added penalties and interest. And if you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away. Don't ignore it; it won't go away.

First of all, gather your records and file all your tax forms immediately—even if you can't pay a cent. Of course, to keep down the interest payments you should try to pay as much as you can.

If the next deadline rolls around and you still owe taxes, file anyway and at least you'll avoid the "failure to file" penalty. Write a letter and attach it to your forms explaining your financial situation.

The Internal Revenue Service is putting new emphasis on working with you to find a payment option that you can live with. One of those options could be setting up a plan so that the income taxes can be paid in installments.

Or instead, you can make an offer to settle your tax account for less than the amount actually owed. It's called an "offer-in-compromise," but it's not automatic. You must apply for it by filing papers and you'll have to provide a financial statement. The IRS can accept your offer when their investigation shows that it is unlikely the tax liability can be collected in full and the amount offered reflects collection potential. The bottom line is that it's your responsibility to show the IRS how accepting your offer would be in the best interest of the government.

The surest way to be out of business is to adopt a "wait and see" attitude when it comes to not filing your tax forms. The penalties for not complying with the basic tax rules can be severe. It's best that you come forward on your own, rather than waiting for the Internal Revenue Service to come looking for the missing returns and payments.

To avoid problems, be sure to have a solid business plan that makes accommodations for both state and federal taxes, and stick to it.

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Social Security May Cause More Taxes

If you're collecting Social Security benefits, you might have a larger tax bill in 1994. Here are some key provisions of the tax code that could affect you both this year and next:

• **Taxation of Social Security benefits.** Beginning January 1st, 1994, up to 86 percent of your Social Security benefits—instead of the current 50 percent—could be taxed if your income is more than certain limits (see figures below). Tax-exempt income is included in the calculation, so check on the timing of any income you receive.

• **Wages could mean a loss of benefits.** Employment wages, once they reach a certain level, may reduce your Social Security benefits. In 1993, if you are under 65, you lose \$1 of benefits for each \$2 of earnings that exceed \$7,680 annually. Between the ages of 65 and 69, you lose \$1 of benefits for each \$3 of earnings after you reach \$10,560 annually. After age 70, your benefits won't be reduced regardless of what you earn.

• **Additional standard deduction.** If you are over 64 or you are blind, you can receive an additional standard deduction. In 1993, the additional amount is \$900 for individuals and \$700 each for married couples.

Of course, the last thing you want to do is use your money to pay taxes on Social Security benefits. Depending on your financial situation, there may be certain investment products that will help you reduce your adjusted gross income and avoid these taxes. If you are close to exceeding the base amount of earnings, you may want to consider moving your money into tax-deferred investments such as annuities or IRAs, for example. Unfortunately, there's not much you can do to avoid paying the bulk of increased taxes. Working with a financial planner or tax expert and paying careful attention to your investments may help you keep more of your money.

The best way to take advantage of tax law changes before they take advantage of you is to go on the offensive—take control of the situation.

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***Agawam Represented At BIG E Business Fair**

REPRESENTING FLEET BANK at the recent business fair at THE BIG E were, from left - Steven Robinson, VP Community Banking; Rosemary Fitzgerald, Fleet Mortgage; and Robert Banspach, VP Community Banking. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



REPRESENTING RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK at the business fair held March 9th at THE BIG E were Joann LaPlante and Jeff Laing. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE members, from left - Kevin McElhinney, Kurt Welker, and Jean Falk represented that organization at the recent business fair at THE BIG E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ADMIRING ONE OF THE NEW COACHES recently purchased by King Ward Coach Lines were Ken Tichacek (O'Leary Company), Sandra Butler, and Bob and Dennis King of Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Stearns & Yerrall
Presents Awards For
Top Agents, Sales**

George R. Yerrall, IV, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, Inc. is pleased to announce the following awards presented recently.

Top Agents in the category of Relocation for 1993, awarded for the number of leads placed, include Pam Savioli, Mary Piquette, Peg Ryan, and Sue Moore from the Agawam office, and Bobbie Ashe and Barbara Berger from the Longmeadow office.

The agents receiving awards for top sales volume in this category are Carolyn Hinks and Sallie Hetrick from the Wilbraham office and Bobbie Ashe, Dot Dineen, and Punky Roger from the Longmeadow office.

"Rookie of the Year" awards were presented to Priscilla Harman of the Agawam office, Carmen Capua of the Springfield office, LaRue Foard of the Westfield office, and Roz Scheffer of the Wilbraham office.

The Rookie of the Year honor is awarded to agents new to Stearns & Yerrall who have performed above and beyond the goals set for them.

Carmen Capua has received the designation of Rookie of the Year for both the Springfield office and company wide.

The Top 10 Sales Associates for 1993, ranking in the top ten for sales volume company wide, include Luayne Schwartz, Longmeadow office, Peg Ryan, Agawam office, Tom Morrisette, Longmeadow office, Barbara Vaughn, Longmeadow office, Judy Swan, Longmeadow office, Ken Kuhl, Westfield office, Mary Piquette, Agawam office, Pam Savioli, Agawam office, Sue Moore, Agawam office, and Barbara Berger of the Longmeadow office.

The 1993 Top Producers for each location of Stearns & Yerrall were Peg Ryan, Agawam, Luayne Schwartz, Longmeadow, Lou Calabrese, Springfield, Ken Kuhl, Westfield, and Carolyn Hinks, Wilbraham.

Each agent was presented an award for his/her outstanding achievement at the Annual Stearns & Yerrall Awards Banquet held in February at the Springfield Country Club.

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**New Trustees Named
At Noble Hospital;
Williams Chairman**

New members were recently elected to the Noble Health Systems and the Noble Hospital Boards of Trustees.

Three new members were elected to the Noble Health Systems Board of Trustees at the annual meeting on February 25th.

Donald Williams, president of Westfield Savings Bank, was elected Chairman and James B. Kauffman, president of Jen-Coat, Inc., was elected Vice Chairman. Paul V. Barnes, director of Westfield 2000 and a member of the Noble Hospital Board since 1991, was named a trustee.

Four new trustees, Linda F. Ciejek, Patricia Hays, Dale Siswick, and Thomas Sullivan were elected to three-year terms on the Noble Hospital Board of Trustees at that board's recent annual meeting.

Ciejek, co-owner of At Home Fashion Sales and Consulting Business, is a member and former president of the Noble Hospital Auxiliary and a hospital volunteer. She is also secretary of the Noble Health Systems Board of Trustees and board member of the Westfield YMCA and the American Cancer Society. She and her husband, Dan, reside in Westfield and have three children.

Hays is coordinator of volunteers for the Greater Westfield Habitat for Humanity and a former nurse at Noble Hospital. She is currently a Nurse Educator/Patient Advocate with the Visiting Nurse Association of the Pioneer Valley Alzheimer Program. She has also served with the Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Citizen Scholarship Foundation of Westfield.

The Senior Vice President of Marketing at Milton Bradley, Siswick is a past member of the Westfield YMCA and the Springfield Leadership Course. He is also president of Milton Bradley's Employee Association. He and his wife Joanne, along with two daughters, have lived in Westfield for 20 years.

A resident of West Springfield, Sullivan is president of the Sullivan Paper Company in that town. He is currently involved with the Brightside for Families and Children and was at one time Chairman of the West Springfield School Committee.

**David Dunican VP
At Milton Bradley**

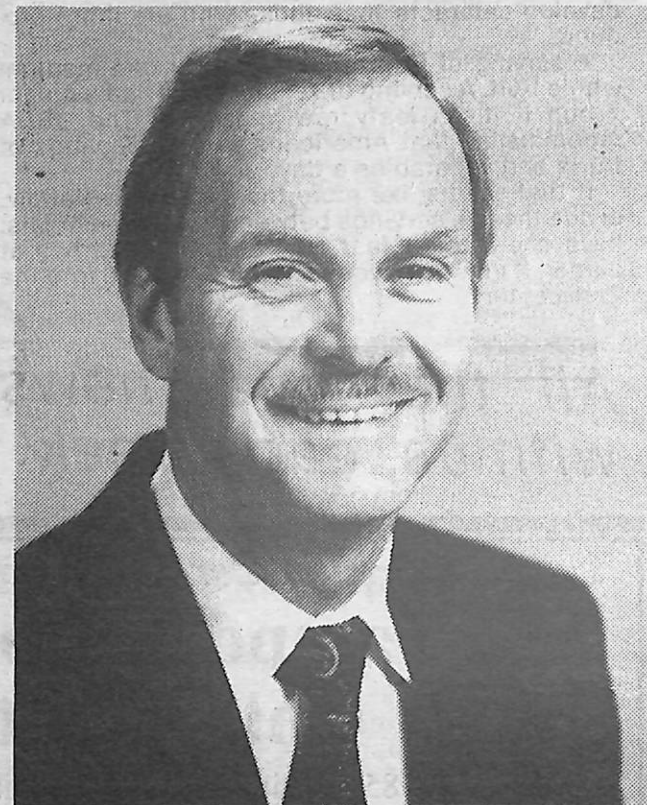
Milton Bradley Company announces Dave Dunican has been promoted to Associate Vice President of Engineering Services.

Mr. Dunican most currently served as Assistant to the Senior Vice President of Engineering. Prior to that, Mr. Dunican held positions of increasing responsibility in maintenance administration and engineering.

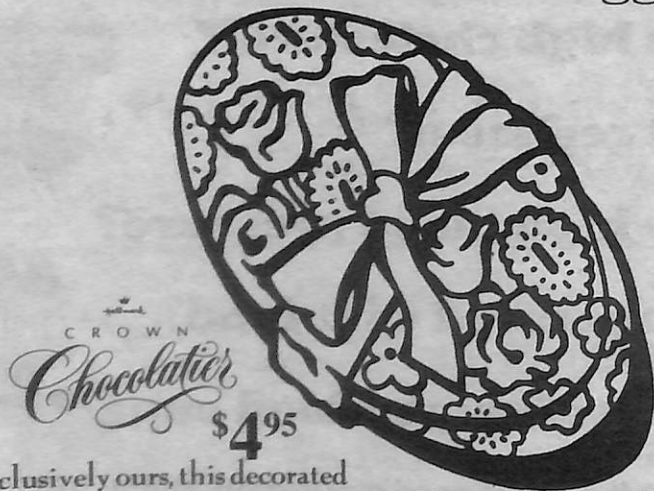
Mr. Dunican has been with the company for 26 years. He resides in Feeding Hills.

Federal Hill Club

REPRESENTING THE FEDERAL HILL CLUB of Agawam at a business fair on March 9th at THE BIG E was Agawam resident Charlene Moretti. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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by Nancy Dell
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Eating The Right Food For Healthy Eyes

One out of five people reading this article will become partially blind by age 75 because of cataracts. However, you may reduce your risk of developing these blind spots by simply eating the right foods.

Cataracts form because throughout your life, the lens of your eye reacts with oxygen and gradually gets damaged. While oxygen is something we need to breathe, it is also very corrosive. It causes our car to rust and, in a sense, oxygen "rusts" the lenses of our eyes.

Fortunately, Mother Nature provides us with defenses against these harmful reactions with oxygen; they are fruits and vegetables high in antioxidant nutrients like betacarotene, vitamin C, and vitamin E. Scientists at Tufts University have found that people who ate less than 3½ fruits or vegetables a day were eight times more likely to develop cataracts than those who ate more produce.

A serving of fruit is half a cup or one medium whole fruit. A serving of vegetables is half a cup or 1 cup if it's a leafy raw vegetable. The USDA recommends that Americans eat five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

If that seems like more than you can swallow, divide the five servings between your three meals; have one at breakfast, two at lunch, and two at dinner. It may keep your eyes seeing 20/20 into the 21st century.

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Dr. Sobel To Present Two Programs At The W. Spfld Ramada Inn

Dr. Steve Sobel, motivational speaker and educator, will be presenting two programs on the evening of April 5th at the Ramada Inn (Route 5) in West Springfield.

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Dr. Sobel will present "Prescription For Success: Happiness and Humor — How To Create a Powerful and Joyous Life in The 90's"; and from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., he will present "Raising Positive and Resilient Children in a Difficult World."

To obtain a full description of each program and registration information, please call 785-1259. Cost is \$10 for attending one seminar, or \$15 if you attend both. In addition, for every three individuals who attend, a fourth person attends for free.

Dr. Sobel is the director of The New England Institute For Stress and Life Management in West Springfield.

Support Group For Mothers Of Kids That Were Abused

The Agawam Counseling Center has several openings in its support group for mothers of children who have been sexually abused. This is a group for those who would like some support in dealing with this very difficult situation and all that it brings up for them.

The group is designed to be a safe place for parents to express their feelings about what has been done to their children, to learn that they are not alone, to gain support in dealing with behavior problems, the aftermath of abuse, and the legal system.

The group meets Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There is childcare available at the cost of \$3 per child. The Agawam Counseling Center accepts Medicaid and most insurance, and has a sliding scale fee.

For more information, contact Nancy Jessup, LICSW, at 786-6410.

Hour-Long Series On Diabetic Education To Be Offered At Mercy Hospital

The Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital is offering a free series of hour-long diabetic education programs to the public. Classes are offered in the afternoon in the Breck Room of the Deliso Conference Center.

"Introduction to Diabetes" will be offered on April 11th at 2:30 p.m., by a nurse educator.

"Diet and Diabetes," presented by a dietician or nurse educator, will be offered on April 12th at 2:30 p.m.

"Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes" is planned for April 13th at 2:30 p.m., by a Mercy pharmacist.

"Complications Related to Diabetes," offered on April 14th at 2:30 p.m., will be presented by a nurse educator.

Pre-registration is required for the series. For more information, call Patient Education at 748-9024 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Breast Cancer Support Group Held Twice At Month At Mercy Hospital

The Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital sponsors a Breast Cancer Support Group the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery

or have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. The group is also open to family and friends who are close to the cancer patient and want to share in their experiences and concerns.

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This Week At The Movies...

"Guarding Tess" & A Look At The Oscars

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Shirley MacLaine has another winner on her hands with her newest film, *Guarding Tess*. It's hyped as a comedy and it's funny, but that's only half of the story.

MacLaine is Tess Carlisle, widow of a U.S. President and loved by millions. She is elderly, opinionated, domineering, devilish, and at her best when she's running her protective secret agents around in circles.

Enter Nicholas Cage as Doug Chesnic, top secret agent who's about to end his tour of duty as Tess' guardian. He couldn't be happier about going back to the real world of the secret service instead of babysitting one little old lady, albeit a fiesty one.

But Tess has other ideas and doesn't hesitate to pressure the president into keeping Chesnic on her staff - because she likes him.

The love-hate relationship unfolds with the reclusive Tess making her first forays into the outside world in years, browbeating her chauffeur into helping her "escape" from her guardians.

The tables turn, however, and on one solitary picnic Tess is abducted, vanishing into the night and setting the country into a frenzy.

As Chesnic grapples with the realization that he does care about this fiesty lady, he comes to believe it is his responsibility to save her, though the big guys from Washington have already pushed him out of the picture.

As the story unfolds, we get insights into Tess' character; what she is, what she was, what she represents, and in one poignant scene, as she sits surrounded by old magazines with her face on every cover, we see her scan the footage of her husband's funeral (where Chesnic stands behind her—grieving, guarding and quietly crying).

Guarding Tess taps our sense of humor before delivering a powerful punch—a message about love, respect, and human feelings.

It's another in an ever-increasing line-up of films with a real story to tell. And it tells it well.

It was Steven Spielberg's night on Monday, March 21st; he walked off with 10 Oscars for two 1993 films (and a dozen more lingering in the minds of Academy voters and the viewing public). *Schindler's List* walked off with seven, including

Best Picture and Best Director—deservedly so! This historic recreation of the Nazi holocaust in



SHIRLEY MACLAINE and NICHOLAS CAGE in
"Guarding Tess."

World War II used black and white film, close-ups and sharp cutaways, shadows and darkness to make its point; that we must never pass this way again. While *Schindler's List* did only a fraction of the box office that its maker's other 1993 hit, *Jurassic Park* (winner of three Oscars for visual effects and sound) did, it is destined to be a classic and is already working its way toward classrooms as part of history and social studies curriculums. Study guides released by the studio to accom-

pany the film were picked up as fast as they were printed.

This year's Academy Awards ceremony was a night of predictables as well as a few surprises, not the least of which was the delightful Anna Paquin (Holly Hunter's daughter in the film *The Piano*), who walked away with the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. Holly Hunter, the odds-on favorite, did walk off with the coveted Best Actress statuette for her role as the mute mail-order bride in *The Piano*.

Liam Neeson, stunning as the industrialist Oskar Schindler, and Anthony Hopkins as the stoic butler of *The Remains of the Day*, lost out to Tom Hanks for Best Actor in *Philadelphia*. Best Supporting Actor honors went to Tommy Lee Jones for his dynamic role as the dogged investigator in *The Fugitive*, last summer's blockbuster remake of the old TV series. Jones edged out such other notables as Ralph Fiennes in *Schindler's List* and Leonardo DiCaprio of *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*.

For the first time in years, voters had a wealth of exquisite films and performances to choose from, though there were some notable omissions among the nominees.

Martin Scorsese was snubbed for his brilliant direction of *The Age of Innocence*, and its female star, Michelle Pfeiffer, was also overlooked in the Best Actress roster. Ben Kingsley was passed over for a Best Supporting Actor nod for his work in *Schindler's List*.

But overall, the votes reflected an acknowledgement of greatness and a resurgence of movies made for intelligent adult audiences.

Whether it was the intriguing and exhausting chase in *The Fugitive*; the Victorian manners, mores, and lush beauty of *The Age of Innocence*; the mesmerizing horror of the Holocaust; the erotic love and adventure in *The Piano*; the snarling monsters that inhabit *Jurassic Park*; the gripping reality of the horror of AIDS in *Philadelphia*; and the other films (winners in their own right—*Shadowlands*, *The Remains of the Day*, *The Joy Luck Club* (another Academy oversight), *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*... the list goes on.

For those of us who view films with enthusiasm and passion, it was a very good year—finally!!!

Ag. Community Artists To Present Oriental Art Demonstration

The Agawam Community Artists (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) will be hosting a lecture/demonstration by master Oriental painter Mary E. Drayton on Saturday, March 26th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the historic Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

A professional artist for many years, Mary E. Drayton has had studios in Toronto, Canada; Bennington, Vermont; Hyde Park, New York; and is presently painting in Somers, Connecticut.

Over the years, Ms. Drayton has studied with masters of Oriental painting such as Fan Tchun Pi of Boston, Ning Yeh of California, and Wang Dauen and Zhang Shoucheng at the Chinese Institute in New York City. For the last four years, she has been studying with Professor I. Hsuing Ju

at the Art Farm in Lexington, Virginia.

Ms. Drayton has been an art educator and has been teaching Oriental painting to students for over 25 years. She teaches landscape, still life, portraiture, and Oriental painting. Ms. Drayton is also available for demonstrations at art associations, schools, and galleries.

Ms. Drayton is also a portrait painter and works in oils, watercolors, and pastels. Many of her portrait commissions hang in the United States, Canada, and Japan.

Recently, Ms. Drayton exhibited her work with other artists in various cities of China while on a cultural tour of that country.

Ms. Drayton's lecture/demonstration is one of many that the Agawam Community Artists (A.C.A.) hope to sponsor in the near future. On April 10th, Edward Minchchi, AWS and master

watercolorist, will be demonstrating his expertise at the Agawam Senior Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

These demonstrations are open to the public and free of charge. All donations sponsor A.C.A. activities.

Future workshops and demonstrations hosted by the Agawam Community Artist will be announced as they are scheduled, and the organization welcomes public interest and participation.

For additional information regarding future workshops and speakers, contact Beverly Secondo-Wands at 786-7742, or DeBorah A. Allen at 786-6087.

The Agawam Community Artists meet the first Wednesday of every month. Interested artists are encouraged to join.

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“Kalaidoscope Kamp” For Children Scheduled For April Vacation

No sooner did the young people in STAGE's “*Alice In Wonderland*” take a final curtain call before a sellout audience at The Red Door Theatre, then producers Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons began work on their next theatrical endeavor, “Kalaidoscope Kamp,” for April school vacation.

The theatre camp will give children ages five through 12 the opportunity to explore various aspects of the performing arts, including acting, singing, dancing, pantomime, puppetry, and masks.

The creative experiential activities will be geared for the novice as well as the more experienced stage enthusiast and will be conducted by Secora and Pearsons, best known for their work with the Suffield Players and as the children's entertainment duo Kit and Kaboodle. Both taught early elementary education for 10 years before turning their attention to full-time young people's theatre producers.

Pearsons, who has a BFA in acting from Boston University, worked in professional children's theatre in New York City as well as a professional mime and clown.

A founding member of The Drama Studio in Springfield and the Greater Hartford Academy of Performing Arts, Pearsons is also well known for his award winning work with The Suffield Players for which he has garnered over 15 awards for acting and design.

Secora, who is working toward a master's degree in theatre education, graduated with a degree in music from the University of Connecticut. She has also won many state awards for acting and directing with various area community theatre groups, including Best Actress and Best Costume Design three times.

They will be joined for this particular camp session by Deborah Randzio of Southwick. Deborah is currently an English and drama teacher at the Granby Middle School in Granby, CT.

She has directed several plays at the Granby Memorial High School and guided talented and gifted students in creative dramatic writing.

Kalaidoscope Kamp is one of several theatrical activities that occur throughout the year at The Red Door Theatre on the campus of the Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center, 152



March Hare (Kelly Henderson), Dormouse (Katie Lewantowicz), Mad Hatter (Megan Banks), and Alice (Jackie Donahue) take their final bows as the curtain closes on STAGE children's theatre production of “*Alice in Wonderland*” at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Coming next ... “Kalaidoscope Kamp,” a one-week drama workshop to be held during spring vacation (April 18th-22nd).

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STAGE (Student Theatre Arts Group Enterprises) is currently one of the longest running young people's theatre groups in the area and is entering its sixth season of operation.

They just celebrated the closing of their fifth anniversary year with “*Alice In Wonderland*,” a show they first produced in Suffield in 1989.

They have been producing children's plays at their new theatre home, The Red Door Theatre, for the past two years and have produced over 30 children's shows servicing hundreds of children from all over Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut.

Though most of their camps culminate in a full

staged production before a paying public, this particular camp will operate as a workshop to introduce and explore creative dramatics in a less production-oriented environment.

Kalaidoscope Kamp will run during the vacation week of April 18th-22nd from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. The fee for this camp is \$80 and includes a mid-morning snack.

For more information or to register, call 789-2026. To register by mail, send your name, your child's name, age, address, telephone number, and fee to Kit and Kaboodle, Box 215, West Suffield, CT 06093.

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Golden Bell Choir To Perform At Ag. Public Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that a concert performance by the Golden Bell Choir has been scheduled to take place on Monday, March 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. (Please note the time change from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.)

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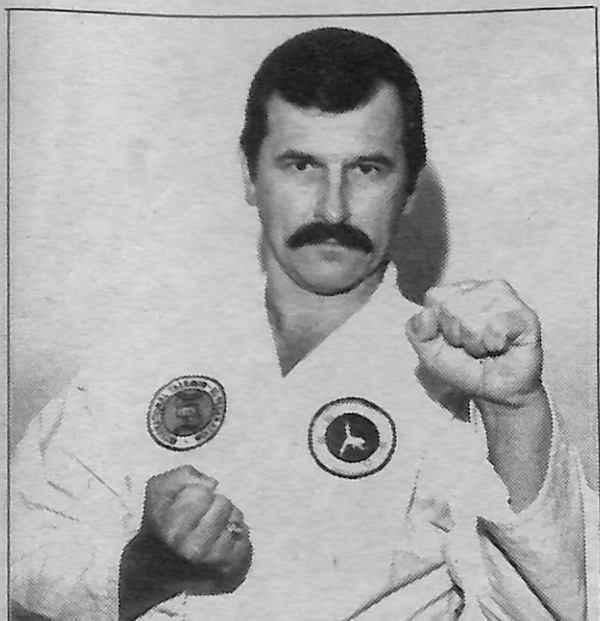
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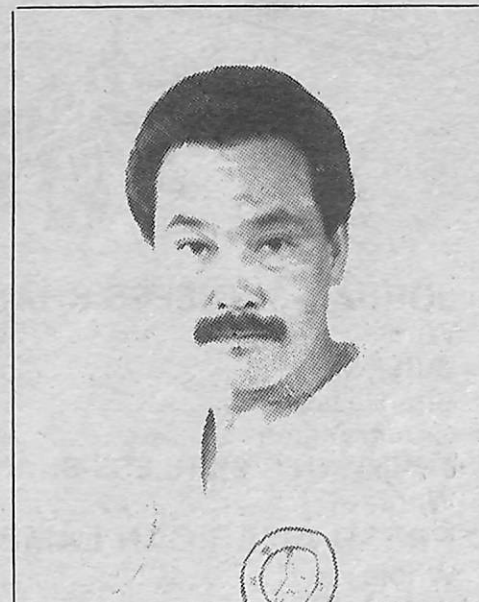
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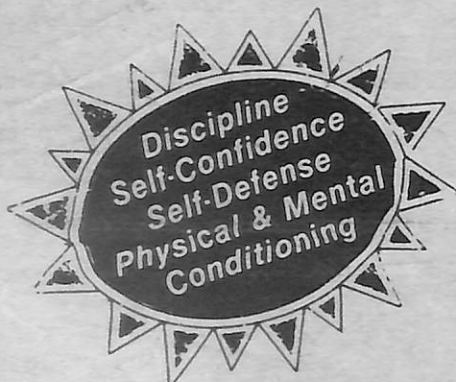
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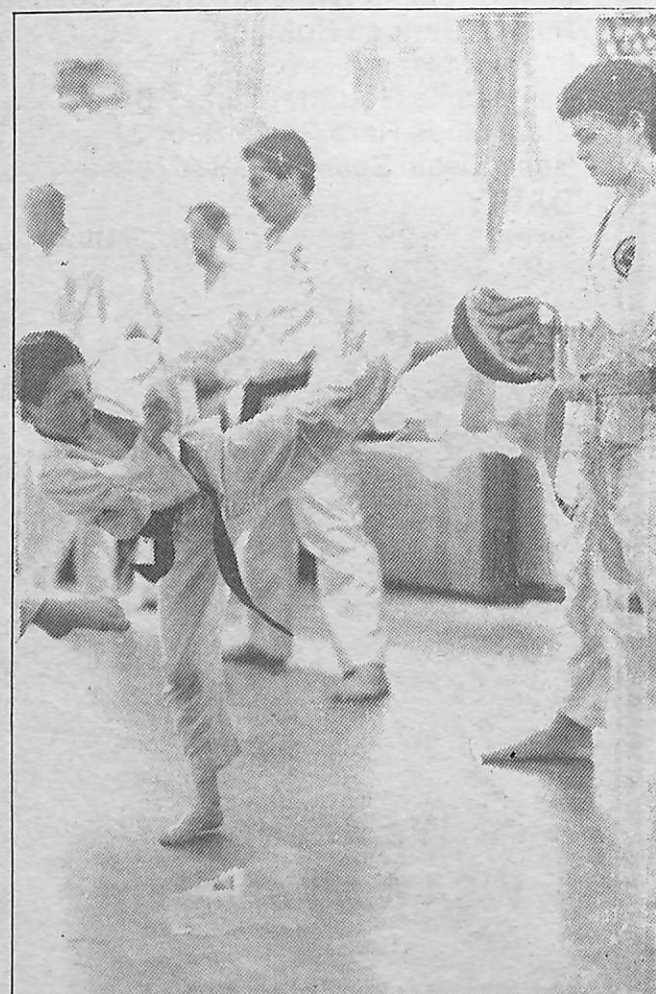
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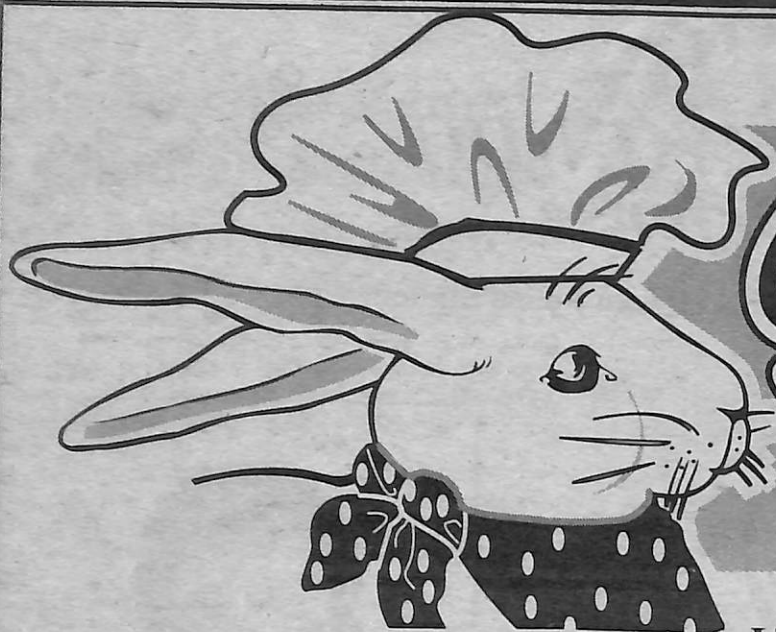
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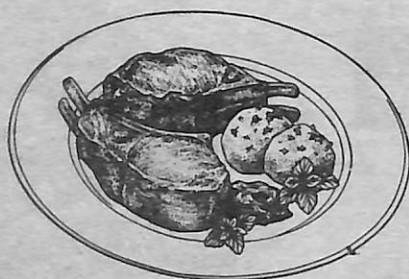
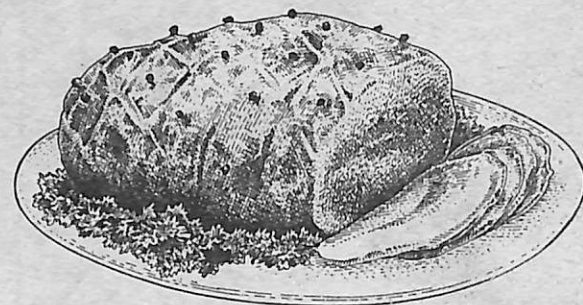
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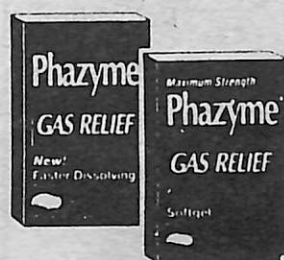
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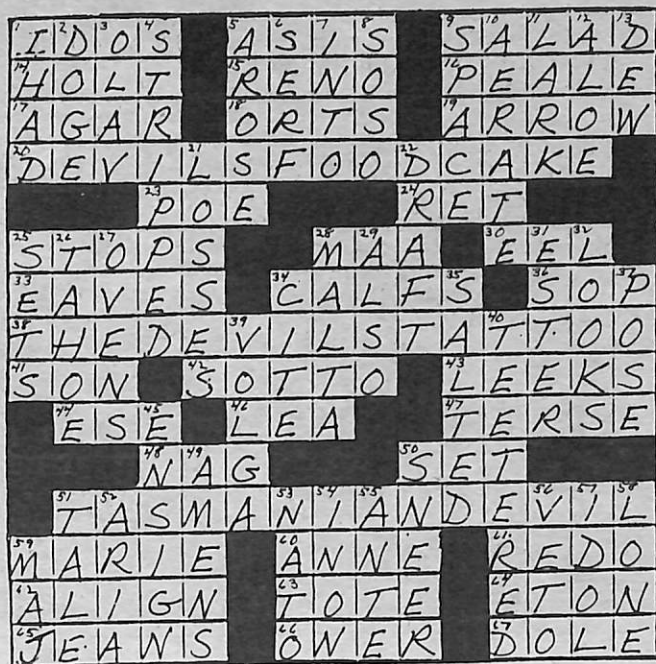
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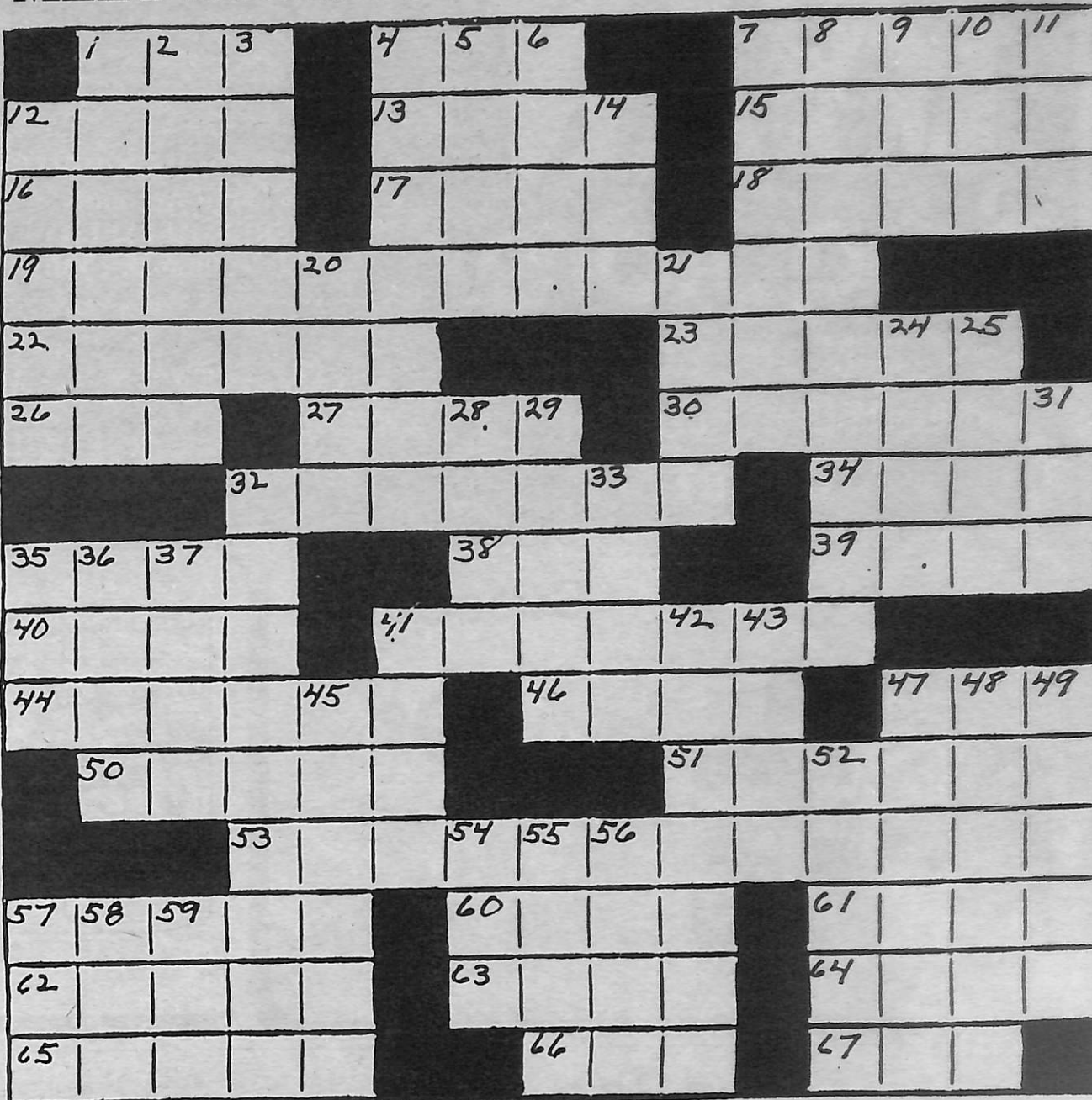
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AHS Cheerleaders To Sponsor Art Auction March 25th

On Friday, March 25th, the Agawam High School Cheerleader Booster Club and the AHS cheerleaders will sponsor an art auction at the Agawam High School.

The auction will be held in conjunction with Ross Galleries, Inc., of New York, and will feature such artists as Picasso, Dali, Chagall, Moses, Rockwell, and many other favorites.

Admission to the auction will be \$4 per person, and \$7 per couple. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The preview will begin at 7:00 p.m., and

the auction will begin at 8:00 p.m.

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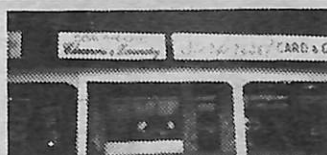
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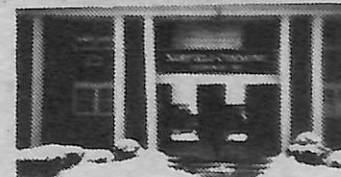
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Oscar, Oscar!!!

This year's Academy Awards have all been handed out. (It's about time Spielberg won!) In honor of this annual prestigious occasion, I've selected some past Oscar winners that I'm sure you'll enjoy.

* *Raging Bull*

Director: Martin Scorsese. 1980. Rated R. 2 hours and 8 minutes. Starring: Robert DeNiro, Cathy Moriarty, Joe Pesci, Frank Vincent, Nicholas Colasanto, and Theresa Saldana.

Robert DeNiro won the Best Actor Oscar in 1980 for his gripping performance as prizefighter Jake LaMotta. His performance in *Raging Bull* is also visually striking. We see the actor portray this boxer from a young man to middle age. DeNiro's weight even increased to show the aging more effectively.

The story is presented in black and white photography which proves to be quite appropriate. We see the trials and tribulations of this boxer's life. His personal life was anything but normal, and this major factor is presented as greatly influencing LaMotta's fighting.

Scorsese's direction is such that the drama of LaMotta's life is empathized with by the audience. This compels the viewer and serves to keep you thoroughly entranced while watching.

DeNiro is the one actor that seems to be perfect in this role. His oftentimes chilling performance strikes a chord of fear within you. You will be startled at some of the events and actions of Jake LaMotta's checkered life.

The film is an excellent documentation of the life of any boxer as well. As is always the case with Scorsese, however, the good as well as the bad are presented with equal magnitude. This may disturb some viewers, so be forewarned. They didn't call him "Raging Bull" for nothing. **3 STARS.** (18 years and up.)

* *Platoon*

Director: Oliver Stone. 1986. Rated R. 2 hours. Starring: Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe, Charlie Sheen, Forest Whitaker, Francesco Quinn, John C. McGinley, and Richard Edson.

Oliver Stone's masterpiece about the gruesome Vietnam War won the Best Picture Oscar in 1986 and certainly deserved it. It stands high among one of Hollywood's greatest war pictures.

Charlie Sheen plays a young man who enlists in the military to find his own self-worth. We follow this character throughout the film into many horrifying and emotionally disturbing situations.

The viewer is constantly toyed with during this film. Every snapping branch jars the characters as well as the viewers. This type of high intensity moviemaking drives home the message of the film loud and clear... that war is ugly.

The acting is so superb that you don't even recognize the famous actors after a while. They just seem to be military comrades, all of whom are relying upon each other for survival.

The film certainly is not for all viewers. There's plenty of realistic gore that certainly has a home in such a realistic picture. If you think you can take it, by all means rent *Platoon* and enjoy one of Hollywood's finest films. **4 STARS.** (19 years and up.)

* *The French Connection*

Director: William Friedkin. 1971. Rated R. 1 hour and 44 minutes. Starring: Gene Hackman, Fernando Rey, Roy Scheider, Eddie Egan, and Sonny Grosso.

This film almost ran away with all the big Oscars in 1971. It received an Academy Award for Best Picture, and Gene Hackman won for Best Actor and William Friedkin for Best Director.

Exorcist director William Friedkin is at the helm in this story about drug trafficking from France. Hackman plays a New York narcotics detective who investigates this "French Connection" with his partner (played by Roy Scheider).

The story is quite intense and has enough holding power to mesmerize you after repeated viewings. The superb acting also plays a vital role in this film's success.

The film unfolds at an even pace and thoroughly describes what is going on. The intense story gets even more shocking during the resolution of the film.

The French Connection has all the excitement that a true action film should have. Certain parts may shock you, but the film would lose considerable impact without these scenes. The climactic action sequence at the end of the film may well be one of the best that Hollywood has ever contrived. **4 STARS.** (18 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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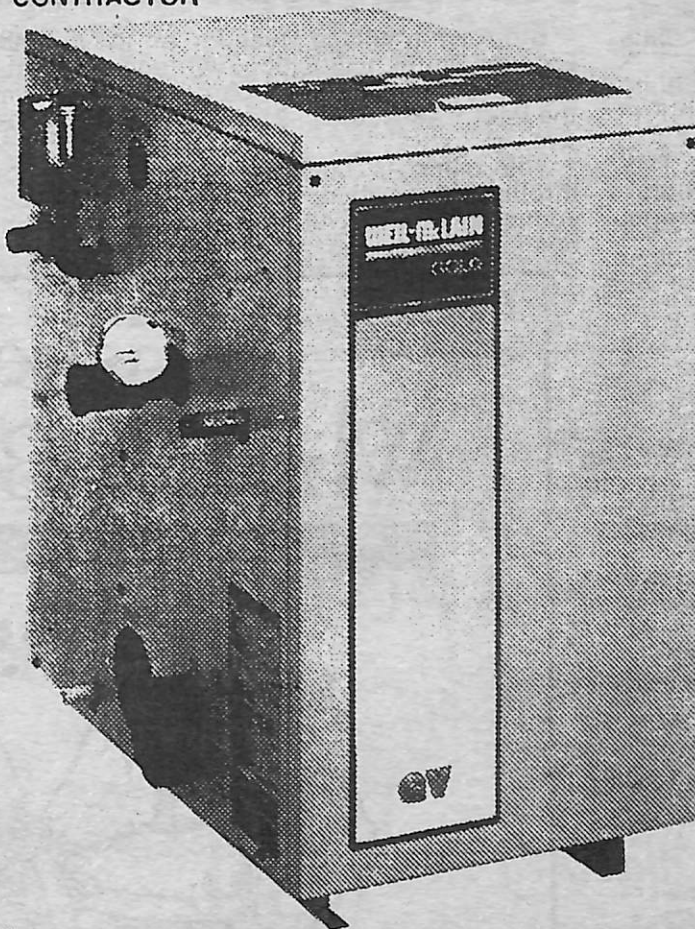
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The Agawam Cultural Council will present Gideon Freudmann as part of its First Friday Series on Friday, April 1st.

Throw away your preconceptions and let CelloBop take you on a varied musical journey. Innovative rock-blues-folk-experimental cellist Gideon Freudmann will play his outrageous and lilting instrumentals and satirical songs.

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Come and join your neighbors for an exciting evening of music. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1st at the Agawam Public Library.

The program is free and open to the public. The concert is supported by the Agawam Cultural Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

AHS Freshman Gets Second Place In Union News Contest

Shawn Flaherty, a freshman at Agawam High School, has won second place in the Springfield Union News Create An Ad Contest.

He has been awarded \$50 for his efforts. His winning entry, an ad for GA Communications on Mill Street in Springfield, was submitted by Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, his art teacher.

The ad appeared in the March 23rd Special Edition of the Union News.

Shawn is the son of John and Shelly Flaherty and has two younger sisters, 12 and four years-old, and a 10 year-old brother. He and his family are relatively new to the state of Massachusetts, having moved from San Pedro, California in January of last year.

Besides his art abilities, for which he has won awards previously in California, Shawn loves sports, especially hockey, and still follows the Los Angeles Kings.

Since becoming a student at the high school, he has also been given recognition for his academic achievements and is a member of Renaissance.

All the local news with us, each week



CAST MEMBERS OF THE HILLTOP PLAYERS gather around piano accompanist Marcy Secora of Southwick to rehearse one of the many well-known songs from the popular Broadway and movie musical "Oliver." From left to right - Corey Lagunowich (Oliver) of Wilbraham, Scott Belisle and Justine Craven of Agawam, Jesse & Kassia Randzio and Jeff Tingley of Southwick, and Leanne Crowley and Briony Davies of Suffield. The 30-member cast will perform "Oliver" at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, on April 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 10th, at 2:00 p.m. For information and ticket reservations, call (413) 789-2026.

St. Martha Players To Stage "Hello Dolly"

The St. Martha Players, Inc. will stage the ever-popular *Hello, Dolly!* for its spring musical. Set in the late 1800's, the musical is based on Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker*, and details the exploits of widow Dolly Levi as she arranges marriages.

Anna Giza of Somers will star as Dolly Levi, and Springfield resident Paul MacDonald will play Horace Vandergelder. Christine St. Amant of Enfield will appear as Irene Molloy, Longmeadow's Ed Carey will play Cornelius Hackl, Kathy Renaud of Springfield will portray Minnie Fay, and Enfield resident David Russell will be Barnaby Tucker.

Others included in the cast will be Springfield's Ellie Opitz as Ernestina, Longmeadow's David Gorman as Ambrose, Longmeadow's Andrea Anzolotti as Ermengarde, and Vernon's David Gauthier as Rudolph and the judge.

The production will be directed by Lee Lavigne of Springfield. Enfield dance instructor David Potter will provide the choreography and Steven D. Cirillo of Agawam will be the musical director.

Mooneyan Field of Holyoke will be the costumer.

Hello, Dolly!, written by Michael Stewart with musica and lyrics by Jerry Herman, first appeared on Broadway in 1964. The show features such well-known songs as "Hello, Dolly," "Before The Parade Passes By," "Dancing," "Elegance," and "It Only Takes A Moment."

Performances are scheduled for April 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th, and May 6th and 7th at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets prices will be \$10 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens and children under 12, except on opening night, when all tickets will be \$9.

All performances will be held in Goulet Hall at St. Martha's Church on Brainard Road in Enfield. Tickets may be reserved by calling Anchor Man Systems at (203) 745-6211.

The St. Martha Players, Inc. is now in its 26th year of performing quality musical theater productions.

School Vacation Camp At Storowton Village

Storowton Village Museum, on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, will again operate its popular school vacation camp, "A Day Away in the Past," April 20th or 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The camp is open to children ages seven through 12. It offers an exciting experience for youngsters who will dress in early American costumes, provided by the Village, and take part

in daily activities of the era.

Children participate in scrimshaw, woodcraft, candle dipping, blacksmithing, quill pen calligraphy, hoop rolling, sack races, and more.

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PAULETTE MORIN brought her hour-long program "Having Fun With Fossils and Dinosaurs" to first grade students at Robinson Park School. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Paulette shows students Cali Longtin and Sean Kelley a huge dragonfly that lived during the age of dinosaurs. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Robinson School Students Learn That Jurassic Park Can Be Their Backyard

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

How long do you think it would take to travel from Wyoming to Agawam? Depending on your mode of travel, it could take as long as 58 million years.

Robinson Park School first graders recently had the chance to see a tiny fish frozen in time 58 millions years ago when the last of the water dried up in its riverbed home in Wyoming. Over a period of 10,000 years, the tiny fish became covered over with more and more layers of sand until pressure from the weight of the layers turned the sand into sandstone and the fish gradually turned into a fossil.

Paulette Morin of Millenium Technologies captured the children's attention and encouraged their enthusiastic participation in her hour-long presentation of "Having Fun With Fossils and Dinosaurs."

Using a giant storybook, Ms. Morin took the children on a trip through the world of dinosaurs, some as small as a kitten, some as large as a three-story house.

Ms. Morin told the children even insects grew to enormous size in the time of the dinosaurs. Student Sean Kelley helped demonstrate the 36-inch wing span of a model of a giant dragonfly.

Alyce Mokryzski joined Ms. Morin to show the children a replica of a duckbill dinosaur egg. Ms. Morin explained that a newly hatched duckbill

weighing only two pounds could grow into a 16 foot tall adult weighing 8,000 pounds.

Ms. Morin brought dozens of fossils, many of which she has collected herself, as a hands-on learning experience for the children. Each of the four first grade classes had the opportunity to visit the fossil table for a closer look at a piece of the jawbone of titanthia (great-granddaddy of the modern rhino), a 58 million year-old fly, a shell that has fossilized into pyrite (fool's gold), a piece of petrified wood from the Petrified Forest in Arizona, and dozens of others.

A Little Insight Into Eating Habits

While the children were impressed by the size of the teeth in titanthia's jawbone, they were alternately repelled, fascinated and amused by the example of fossilized "dino-poop." It was by far, the most popular fossil on display! Ms. Morin told the children that scientists can sometimes tell what the dinosaur had been eating by studying these fossils.

Ms. Morin showed the children how the shape of fossilized teeth or footprints can tell scientists whether they belonged to a plant-eater or a meat-eater. Flat teeth were for plant eaters and sharp

teeth or footprints with sharp claws indicate meat-eaters.

Ms. Morin challenged the children to become fossil hunters whenever they are outside because it's easy to find fossils in the shale that is so common in our area. Ms. Morin showed the children what to look for and urged the children to begin fossil-hunting as soon as the snow melts.

"You will never find a fossil in front of the TV set," Ms. Morin said. And you know, Nintendo doesn't give you prizes like this!"

Ms. Morin advised the young scientists to take a field kit with them on their fossil hunting trips. All they need to get started is an old school bag, a paperback book of fossils, a garden trowel, a paint brush to sweep dirt off the fossil, newspaper to wrap the fossils in, a magnifying glass, and a pencil and notebook to write down when and where each fossil was found.

Don't be surprised this spring when you see fossil hunters all over town. Robinson first graders know you don't have to go to Jurassic Park to see dinosaurs. You can find them in your own backyard—if you know what to look for.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, March 28th: Pepperoni topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, March 29th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed herbed rice, seasoned niblet corn, blueberry cobbler with whipped topping, milk.

Wednesday, March 30th: Rotini with meatsauce, garlic bread & butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, chilled fruit cup, or applesauce cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, March 31st: Chicken with tortellini soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato puffs with catsup, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Friday, April 1st: GOOD FRIDAY. NO SCHOOL.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch.**)

Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?"

March 26th — April 1st

* March 26th - Saturday:

Robinson Park School - School Carnival, Polish American Club, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

High School - "Saturday Night Out," Fitness First Health Club, 7:30 to 11:00 p.m.

* March 27th - Sunday:

Palm Sunday.

* March 28th - Monday:

Phelps School - D.A.R.E. continues.
Junior High School - PTO meeting, 7:30 p.m.

* March 30th - Wednesday:

Phelps School - School Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Robinson Park School - School Council meeting, 3:45 p.m.

* March 31st - Thursday:

Marks close.

* April 1st - Friday:

Good Friday - No school.
High School - Registration deadline for May 7th SAT.

Ag. Counseling Center Offers After-School Group For Girls

The Agawam Counseling Center has several openings in its after-school group for girls ages 11 to 13. This group provides an opportunity for girls to have fun, make new friends, talk about problems in a safe atmosphere, and get peer support.

The group is appropriate for girls with adjustment difficulties, problems with peer relationships, or learning disabilities. This group has been ongoing for two years and has been successful in boosting self-esteem, improving social skills, and providing an outlet for girls to express themselves about concerns they may have.

The group meets Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The Agawam Counseling Center accepts Medicaid and most insurance (the group is free for those who have no insurance).

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment for a screening interview, please call Nancy Jesseup at 786-6410.

Agawam Public Schools Ed-Ventures

by Thomas J. Collins
Department Chairman
Technology Education
Grades 6-12



Technology Education At AHS

Technology Education is an evolution from the traditional Industrial Arts, taught for years in the Agawam Public Schools. I am not stating that we have abandoned its concepts. The emphasis has shifted from a craft orientation to a more comprehensive study of personal and technological resources, human and mechanical systems, and the effects of modern technology on all aspects of society.

The Technology Education program starts in Agawam at the sixth grade level and is exploratory in nature. Problem solving, career orientation, and learning for tomorrow's changing society, is the foundation of our program and is carried throughout the Junior High program.

Students investigate and examine areas such as communication, construction, manufacturing, and power/energy/transportation. At this level, the program emphasizes exploration and provides young people with hands-on experiences with tools, machines, and processes. The specific goals at the Middle School and the Junior High are:

- * Develop an appreciation of the purposes and range of technological changes in our society.
- * Study and analyze the materials, products, processes, problems, uses, developments, and contributions of technology.

- * Research, plan, design, construct, and evaluate problems in technological products and services.

- * Identify occupations, careers, and educational programs in technological fields.

- * Perform computer applications in technology based curriculum content areas.

- * Experience the organization and management systems of business and industry.

- * Learn safe use of basic tools, machines, materials, and processes associated with technology.

The sixth grade program is nine weeks in duration and meet five periods a week. Maynard Baker meets all sixth grade girls and boys over the period of the school year and covers the following:

- Fundamental blueprint reading and measurement.

- Basic sheetmetal pattern and development.

- Plastics - sheet and injection molding.

- Wood - development, planning, and construction of CO₂ racing cars.

The seventh grade program is also nine weeks.

David Littlewood conducts a manufacturing pro-

Agawam Residents Awarded Degrees From WNEC

Two area residents were among the 205 graduate and undergraduate students who were awarded degrees from Western New England College on February 15th.

Bryan K. Boutwell of Agawam, the son of James and Jeanne Kopicinski, received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree from Dr. Beverly W. Miller, president of Western New England College.

He was a member of the varsity soccer team. Graziella J. Chiarella of Feeding Hills, the son of Aldo Chiarella and the late Jeannine Chiarella, received a Master of Business Administration degree from Dr. Miller.

Western New England College is a private coeducational institution located on a 131-acre suburban campus in Springfield. The College serves more than 6,000 full-time and part-time students with undergraduate programs in its Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering, and graduate programs in its Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law.

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gram. Students set up a company to manufacture a product. They plan, identify problems, set up a production line, assemble, and package a product. There is also a heavy emphasis on using the computer in all these activities.

John Burns and Jim Graveline work primarily with the eighth grade program. Mr. Burns' program covers electricity, hydraulics, pneumatics, and mag lev using the Lego Logoprogram. He will be entering the New England Jr. Solar Sprints competition this spring; in the last contest, his students placed in the top three for all of New England in the design of their cars.

Mr. Graveline's program covers the communication area with five weeks in drafting and four weeks in graphic arts. The computer program Cad Key will be brought "on line" this year. Graveline was instrumental in obtaining this system, at no cost, for the school system through use of a grant.

The Technology Education program at Agawam High School provides an in-depth study of the four areas covered at the Middle and Junior High schools. These areas are communications, power/energy/transportation, manufacturing, and construction. In addition to developing general employment skills, our students develop true technological literacy and career development awareness.

In the communications area, our drafting program is fully computerized. John Magdcz uses Auto-Cad, the industrial standard used in most manufacturing facilities in the area. His students became involved in a number of practical problems such as the redrawing and updating of plans for all the public buildings in town.

The Graphic Arts program covers a wide spectrum of the graphic communications area such as screen printing, offset lithography, with emphasis on computers and desk-top publishing. We have expanded our black and white photography program due to student interest and demand.

The Power/Energy/Transportation area covers everything from small engine service to robotics. Bill Zanangle is in the process of putting a new diagnostic system (purchased this winter) "on line." It wasn't fully funded this school year, but we are hoping to complete the system, thus making work on the electronics and problem shooting in today's modern automobiles available to our students.

John Korbut reintroduced the small engine service to our program this year and it has been well-received. He has also introduced a number of simulation programs in electronics and robotics using the bank of computers in his lab.

Don Dorazio's construction program has gotten off to a strong start, and he and his students will be out in the community and schools when the weather breaks. Our auto students will have the van—donated by the town—on the road by the time it is needed to transport students and materials to the various job sites.

Our primary goal in the Technology Education Program is to prepare our students for the world in which they live and to enter the "real world" of the technological society we live in today. Graduating students should be equipped with technical skills applicable to success in college, advanced vocational technical programs, or as they enter the work force.

Happy 16th Birthday, Kamaris!



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AIDS Stories Retold To AHS Students

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On Wednesday morning, March 9th, they drove west from the Boston area to share their personal horror stories of living with the HIV virus with Agawam High School students in the hopes of preventing even one student from contracting the deadly virus.

Although none of the three adults who perform community outreach work for the AIDS Action Committee are presently exhibiting symptoms of full-blown AIDS, each has tested positive for the deadly HIV virus.

The guest speakers comprised the second component of Athletic and Health Education Director Kathleen McSweeney's two year curriculum on AIDS Awareness and Prevention Education for AHS students. Ms. McSweeney said she hoped that hearing the stories of people infected with HIV would make more of an impact on the students than classroom presentations could.

Impressed With Presentation

After the panelists' discussion with AHS seniors, Ms. McSweeney was impressed with the panelists' presentation. "I thought it was great. The kids have been open with their questions. It shows we did some education last year by what they asked the panelists," Ms. McSweeney said.

On hand for the first of the four scheduled meetings with each grade level at the high school, School Committee members Linda Galarneau and Scott Macey expressed their approval for the program.

Both Macey and Mrs. Galarneau admitted they were close to tears during the emotionally searing account given by Anne of her struggle to tell her 12 year-old son of her illness.

"The program was excellent," Mrs. Galarneau said. "They were so honest and the students were really listening."

Macey noted the "positive education" imparted to the students as the panelists touched on all the issues surrounding the behaviorally spread and life-threatening infection.

"They touched on everything," Macey said. Macey was pleased that the panelists spoke about abstinence from sexual activity as the only fail-safe way to stop the spread of sexually transmitted AIDS, as well as the use of condoms to help prevent the spread of the virus each time sexual activity is engaged in. Macey said he was impressed with the honesty of the panelists and with their message that the responsibility for protecting and maintaining one's health lies with the individual. "I don't think anyone has gotten the wrong message," Macey said.

A mother of three in her early 30's, Anne told the students that drug addiction "took me from the peak of my life to this valley of hell." A product of a middle-class town similar to Agawam, Anne told the students, "I didn't think it could happen to me."

Mistakenly thinking AIDS was only a concern of the gay community, Anne said she was unaware of the risks she was taking by using intravenous drugs and engaging in unprotected sexual activity.

Anne entered drug rehabilitation four years ago and was horrified to learn that her behavior put her in a high risk category for HIV infection.

Bringing her message home to the students, Anne said she had once been like many of the kids who drink and experiment with drugs on the weekends.

"I had no idea what a precious gift life is," Anne said. She begged the students not to make the same mistakes she so foolishly made. "Respect yourself and take care of yourself. It (the responsibility) is on you," Anne warned.

Worst Nightmare Come True

Learning that she was infected caused Anne's worst nightmares to come true. Although her children remain healthy and doctors assure her that the children would have exhibited signs of infection (by now) if they were exposed to the HIV virus, Anne told the students she deals not only

with her own problems in living with HIV, but she must face the fact that her behavior may have put her children in jeopardy.

Married since September, Steve and Susan met during a training session for HIV infected speakers.

Although none of the speakers could say for sure who passed the virus to them, Susan said she was pretty sure it had been her high school boyfriend. Currently 34, Susan discovered she was infected nine years ago. "I never used needles and I knew it was from unprotected sex."

Susan added, "I'm angry at my high school boyfriend and just as angry at myself for not using a condom or just saying no."

Susan told the students, "Having this disease changes everything in your life." Susan said she feels closer to God and appreciates the simple pleasures like listening to birds sing or enjoying the spring rain in a way she never did before. "I try to make my life as simple as possible and to walk away from the things that stress you out."

Steve said he was unsure how he became infected with HIV, adding it could have been through experimentation with intravenous drugs or from unprotected heterosexual sex. "There isn't a single person to blame it on. And maybe that's a good thing," Steve said.

All speakers stressed the importance of realizing the AIDS epidemic affects society as a whole rather than one particular group. "It has everything to do with you," Steve said. "Unfortunately, by the time you leave college, you will probably work with or be friends with someone who has AIDS."

Anne told the students the only reason she is able to speak in public about the most painful and private aspects of her life is the hope that her story may save even one teenager from the horror of living with HIV.

Susan agreed, "If one little sentence I say reaches you, you won't have the kind of job (AIDS educator) I have."

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IN PHOTO LEFT, Theresa Brown distinguished herself in the Travel Brochure Contest during Foreign Language Week at Agawam High; and Aurelia Andreoli and Mary Lynn Scortino teamed up to win the Scavenger Hunt. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Matthew Bellico and John Hogan are ready for a trip to Tijuana during National Foreign Language Week. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

“National Foreign Language Week” Celebrated With Fun And Flair At Agawam High School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Students and faculty of the Foreign Language Department celebrated **National Foreign Language Week** at Agawam High School during the week of March 7th-11th with several activities planned to heighten students' interest in foreign language study.

The week-long schedule of events culminated on Thursday, March 10th in the AHS cafeteria as parents and students gathered to enjoy the samplings of ethnic desserts provided by the students at Language Culture Night.

According to Foreign Language Department Chairwoman Melanie Poudrier, the celebration grew out of a Horace Mann Grant that allowed members of the Foreign Language Department to attend a conference (several years ago) designed to acquaint language educators with programs to highlight foreign language study.

Importance Of Learning Another Language

Mrs. Poudrier said one of the aims of Foreign Language Week was to let people know the importance of learning to speak another language. “We want people to know that learning a foreign language is a very positive step. Businesses are in desperate need of people who can represent them

overseas.”

This year, in addition to the Language Culture Night, the students participated in a slogan contest, trivia and door decorating contests, a scavenger hunt, a “Latin is Everywhere Contest,” mystery voice/band contest, poster, poetry and travel brochure contests, a foreign language trivia contest, and a video contest for Spanish 4 and 5 students and French 4 students.

Throughout the week, foreign exchange students, faculty members, AHS students, and community members visited the foreign language classes as guest speakers willing to share their knowledge of foreign cultures with the students.

The prize-winning slogan, “Share the world—Learn a language” (submitted by Ian Molbury), became the theme for Foreign Language Week and served as the theme for the door decorating and poster contests.

Megan Harrington took top honors in the poster contest with her depiction of the world divided into three parts to resemble a peace sign. Honorable mention went to Joseph Dupelle, Michael Dutton, Michael Freeman, and Jeremy Miner.

Theresa Brown's travel brochure of Cancun earned her the first prize; honorable mention went to Alex Carson, Jessica Przybyla, and Alena Rusava.

Teaming up for the scavenger hunt, Aurelia Andreoli and Mary Lynn Scortino earned the most points for the items they collected from a list of foreign words written in several languages, including “Pig” Latin. There was even one clue written in hieroglyphics.

According to Mary Lynn, “The hardest to find was the bird's nest, but Aurelia had one. Her parents collect things.”

Michael Dutton won the poetry contest with his poem, “L,amour.”

The contest winners received a gift certificate from Strawberry's or Big Y, and McDonald's donated certificates for free fries for every one of the foreign language students. “I think that's pretty generous,” Mrs. Poudrier said.

Door Decorating Contest Results In A Tie

The door decorating contest resulted in a tie between the exhibit on Cameroon created by

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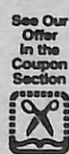
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AGAWAM HIGH FOREIGN LANGUAGE teachers Melanie Poudrier and Mary Ellen Bruce address the gathering at the school's cafeteria on Thursday, March 10th. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Mike Dutton was named winner of the poetry contest during Foreign Language Week at the school. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Teacher Steven Files Winner Of 1994 Cable In Classroom Educator

Continental Cablevision has announced that Agawam High School teacher Steve Files is a winner of its 1994 national Cable in the Classroom Educator Award for creative use of cable television programming and resources to enhance education.

Working with Continental Cablevision, Files expanded a lesson plan for the Choreography II class to include commercial-free, curriculum-based cable programming from The Weather Channel to demonstrate that a dance class can use an educational program designed for use in a science class to inspire students of dance to look at the technique of choreography in a new and unusual way.

"Weather, like dance, is made up of rhythms, patterns, and movements," said Cecelia Lang, Continental's Community Relations Manager. "Using a 10-minute segment from The Weather Channel's weekly program, The Weather Classroom, the students integrated the information learned about winter weather with their own dance technique."

Continental Cablevision videotaped the class activity. After viewing the program on weather, they were asked to create an original short dance routine about an aspect of winter weather that they had learned by watching the program.

Both students and Files reflected that the use of TV in the classroom inspired them to stretch past the normal techniques of choreography. For most of the students, this was the first time they had tried to choreograph modern dance without music.

As a winner, Files will join 12 other regional winners from Continental Cablevision service areas throughout the country for a two-day conference in Washington, D.C., to discuss cable technology and media literacy. Background on the lesson used will be featured in a national Educator's Handbook published by Continental for use by any teacher throughout the nation.

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students of David Pulaski and the exhibit of Macedonia presented by the students of Wayne Morse. Each room will be treated to a special dessert on the day of their choice.

On each of the five days of Foreign Language Week, the students listened to recordings of faculty members speaking (or singing as John Bikowski did) a foreign language. In order to gain points for their passports, students had to identify not only the speaker, but the language as well. A similar contest featured popular music groups singing in a foreign language.

Each day the students could earn more points for their passports by correctly answering two trivia questions prepared by Miro Orefice.

Working with the foreign language staff, School Lunch Department Supervisor Frank Godek prepared special ethnic menus for each day to celebrate the culture of five different countries.

"Each year we try to change the menus," Godek said. "The participation of the students is quite good. We have a very large turnout on those days."

At Foreign Culture Night, the Foreign Language Department presented certificates of merit to its outstanding students in each foreign language class.

SPANISH 1, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Barbara Bitgood, Lana Casiello, Shanon Gilmartin, Katherine Paradysz, Amy Powell, Stacy Rennell and Christopher Twarkins. **Most Improved:** Charles Cleveland, Jason Cross, Janell Erskine, Kara Gamache, Michelle Kupras and Steve Merklein.

SPANISH 2, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Christopher Bednarzyk, Melissa Chiarella, Sharon Chicklas, Paul Lalli, Kristine Modzelesky, Lori O'Dea, Jeff Rivers, Steven Rovithis. **Most improved:** Justin Aldridge, Jim Arenstam, Steve Bennet and Marty Giroux.

SPANISH 3, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Gina Cincotta, Adam David, Kirsten Decoteau, Melissa Fleming, Selena Machia. **Most Improved:** Brooke Hollister, Jonathan Jacobsen, Courtney Limbert, Heather Pliska and Matthew Radwanski.

SPANISH 4, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Spencer Beaver and Joan Mineo. **Most Improved:** Brandon Moore and Mary Lynn Scortino.

SPANISH 5, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Rena Chicklas. **Most Improved:** Michele Mercadante.

FRENCH 1, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Michelle Scagliarini.

FRENCH 2, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Melanie Guillemette and Rita Reshamwala. **Most Improved:** Danielle Lajeunesse and Tony Rose.

FRENCH 3, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Kelly Carmody. **Most Improved:** Kamaris Lessard.

FRENCH 4, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Alena Rusava.

ITALIAN 1, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Jaime Brodeur, Michael Freeman and Marina Marshall. **Most Improved:** Carlo Bonavita, Jennifer Chagnon and Jessica Theriaque.

ITALIAN 2, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Nancy Cucovia and Nicholas Davio. **Most Improved:** Emily Gomez and Jeff Leone.

ITALIAN 3, HIGHEST AVERAGE: Steven Freeman. **Most Improved:** Joseph Cecchetelli.

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Storyteller Heard By Clark 2nd Graders

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The second grade students of Beverly Goodwin, Peg Bitzas, and Laura Lewis recently welcomed storyteller John Porcino back to James Clark School.

Porcino has been entertaining the children at Clark for several years and was sponsored by the PTO. The kids were eagerly awaiting his visit this year.

As the students filed into Mrs. Goodwin's room for the performance, many had requests for their favorite stories and songs from past performances.

Mrs. Goodwin tied the performance into the work she does with her reading classes. "We have been using 'Reading Rainbow' and the children are very tuned into telling tales with music."

A former music teacher, Porcino uses a variety of instruments (some familiar and some folk instruments from around the world) to enliven his program of stories and songs.

From the start of his performance, Porcino had the children and teachers joining in. In his "Hello" song, Porcino invited the children to screw in their "looking eyes" so they could watch and imitate each move he made. The room was filled with the giggles of nearly 60 children as they followed Porcino's rapid-fire directions (sort of).

Porcino drew the children into his first story, "Trouble in the Bubble," by using names from the audience for the characters in the story. The repetitive elements in the story had the children anticipating and eagerly awaiting their chance to shout out the next line.

Demonstration Of Exotic Instruments

In between stories, Porcino demonstrated and explained how some of his more exotic instruments worked. The children were especially interested in the rain stick they remembered from

last year. By gently rotating the rain stick, Porcino created a sound like a gentle fall of rain.

A cylindrical instrument made from a stalk of bamboo, the hollow rain stick is criss-crossed inside with sticks reaching from one side of the stalk to the other. The stick is then filled one-quarter full of beads, beans, grains of rice or tiny seashells. The sound of rain is created as the tiny objects inside slide across the criss-crossed sticks.

Porcino told the children it would be easy to make their own rain stick from a cardboard mailing tube. Instead of using sticks inside the tube, Porcino told the students to use nails almost as long as the width of the tube.

With the help of their parents, the students would need to bang the nails into the tube. "You will need so many nails, you won't be able to see from one end of the tube to the other." The ends of the tube can be sealed with masking tape.

For his second story, Porcino told the tale of "Conor and the Leprechaun" (once again getting the students to join in telling the tale). Porcino said that if they liked the story and would like to hear more stories by the same author, they should visit the Agawam Public Library to borrow the tapes and books by Jay O'Callahan.

For his final story, Porcino honored the students' requests for their most favorite—"the scary story." The children practiced using their scariest voices to deliver their line, "Turn me over," in the haunting story of a half-cooked hamburger and the girl who finally flips it.

At the close of his performance, Porcino told the children, "If you liked the stories, the nicest thing you can do for me is to tell them to someone else."



STORYTELLER JOHN PORCINO recently entertained second grade students at James Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Psychology Students Learn About Funeral Practices

During the week of March 14th through 18th, High School students in Agawam participated in a special program designed to help raise awareness of grief and funeralization. This five-day mini-course was designed by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes nine years ago and has been provided ever since. The participants this year in Agawam were 65 students in Ed Merrill's Psychology classes.

Four of the five days were spent in the classroom where Lila Forastiere, Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' Grief Counselor and Educator, both lectured about various bereavement topics and answered questions and concerns from the students. Mrs. Forastiere pointed out how societal changes have influenced how we grieve (or don't grieve) as a nation.

She discussed the grief process and the emotions that people might experience when faced with a loss, striving to help the students understand

and grieving and prepare them for the time when the death of a loved one does occur. Mrs. Forastiere offered suggestions about ways individuals might help themselves in coping with loss and the feelings that result, as well as suggestions about ways to be supportive of friends or relatives who are grieving.

A trip to the Colonial Funeral Home for the Agawam students was provided. This consisted of a tour of the facility as well as a discussion concerning funeralization. Funeral directors Mark Smith and Elaine F. Smith narrated a slide presentation depicting various aspects of funeral service. They explained embalming, facts, and myths regarding cremation, earth burial, the various choices in casket or urn selection, vault selection, and the myriad of decisions that need to be made at the time of the death of a loved one.

Through this program, the caring professionals at the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes hope to

prepare the students for making the decisions that become inevitable after the death of a loved one by showing them the myriad of choices available and by making them aware "consumers" before they are emotionally involved in a loss by death.

By introducing them to aspects of funeral service and grief, they hope to dispel any myths which the students may have preconceived about death, funeralization, or bereavement. But most importantly, they hope that through reflecting upon how fragile life is, they will live more fully, carefully, and joyfully.

This mini-course is one of the many "Caring Programs" offered free of charge to the community by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes, whose philosophy is one of helping people cope before, during, and after the time death touches their lives.

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AHS MIRROR Earns 7 Awards At AIC Scholastic Forum

Student writers from Agawam High School earned seven awards for their student-produced publications at American International College's 23rd annual Scholastic Press Forum, Monday, March 14th.

The awards for their newspaper, *The Mirror*, include second place for feature writing; second place for photography and third place for layout and design.

Their literary magazine, *Unicorn*, earned second place for poetry; second place for art; third place for layout and design and third place in the overall category.

The Scholastic Press Forum is designed to give high school journalists a chance to participate in various media workshops, and to have their school newspapers and literary magazines judged in numerous categories.

Michael M. Short, Associated Press bureau chief, Boston, served as the keynote speaker. Short discussed the rapid growth of the information industry and its impact on the future of journalism.

Workshops were held throughout the morning, followed by a live noontime broadcast by WGGB-TV 40.

The workshops featured a variety of speakers and topics, including: Layout & Design - Howard Paine, former art director for National Geographic Magazine, Movie Reviews - Sy Becker, WWLP Channel 22, and Humor Writing - Union News City Editor Bob Chipkin.

The day concluded with an awards luncheon in the college's dining commons.

"Open Pantry Week" Celebrated In Many Ag. Public Schools

From Monday, March 21st, to Friday, March 25th, "Open Pantry Week" was observed in the Agawam Middle, Elementary, and Perry Lane Park Schools. Students were asked to bring in non-perishable foods such as canned meats, stews, peanut butter, cereals, pasta, sauces, baby food, tuna fish, and paper goods.

Some of the schools have held contests within their respective schools; the room that brought in the largest amount of items will enjoy an ice cream treat donated by the Big Y.



STAFF MEMBERS of the Agawam High School MIRROR and their advisor faculty member Lawrence O'Brien, are pictured at the Scholastic Press Forum held at American International College.

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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Informational Program For Juniors At AHS

On Wednesday night, April 13th, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, the high school guidance department will present an informational program for juniors and their parents about their post-graduation plans.

For a majority of juniors, it means attending an institution of higher learning. This can be a four-year or two-year college (public or private), a three-year program (e.g., nursing), or a one-year certificate or training program.

In every case scenario, there are specific steps that must be followed and coordinated with the high school guidance department that will lead to the student's goal.

Subjects to be discussed include the following:

1. Kinds of tests required for admission to schools.
2. Application procedure.
3. Financial aid.
4. College selection process.
5. Scholarship program.

On Thursday, March 24th, the guidance department explained the **Program of Studies** to juniors. A booklet was given to every junior which details the course offerings for next year.

Counselors reviewed graduation requirements and new course offerings. We expect parents to take an active role in the programming process by reviewing your child's course selections with them.

After the student has completed his/her program, it must be returned to his/her guidance counselor so that the counselor can confirm the course selections; i.e., is it an appropriate schedule? The counselor will speak with the student and discuss the course selections, review credits, and discuss future plans.

This same process will be repeated for the sophomores and freshman. I will meet with eighth graders at a later date.

If a parent has any concerns or questions about his/her child's program schedule for next year, he/she should contact his/her guidance counselor.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!

Laura Asta-Ferrero - Bridgewater State.

Tiffany Maleshefski - University of the Pacific Union.

Rob Settembro - U.Mass.

Cynthia Liszka - Franklin Pierce.

Stephen Decoteau - Alfred University.

Kevin Gillette - Fitchburg State.

Dina Scirpo - St. Leo College.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information.

National Transportation Week Essay Competition: This contest is open to any high school senior in Massachusetts who plans to attend college in the fall. Students should be ranked in the top third of their class and participate in at least one extra-curricular activity. The essay of 500 words or less should answer the question, "What can be done to increase people's awareness of the importance of transportation in our country?" Deadline: April 15th, 1994.

Olin L. Livesey Scholarship: The only stipulation for eligibility for this scholarship is proof of citizenship and completion of the application process. Deadline: June 1st, 1994.

Metcalf and Eddy Environmental Scholarship: To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, the student must be planning to enroll in a full-time course of study in an environmental science or related curriculum leading to a two- or four-year degree. Deadline: April 1st, 1994.

U.Mass Dartmouth Chancellor's Merit Scholarships: Available to students who plan to attend U.Mass Dartmouth, have combined SAT scores of at least 1,000, and rank in the top 25% of their class.

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Children's School To Learn From Easter Seal

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The Easter Seal HOP-N-ING teaches children about the causes of disabilities and their effects on people's everyday lives. The children also find out how wheelchairs, crutches and other specialized equipment work.

The next part of HOP-N-ING gives the kids a chance to help. They hop as many times as they can in three minutes, earning money pledged for

each hop by family and friends.

Funds raised help provide Easter Seal services for men, women and children with disabilities. Services include summer camp, therapeutic swim program, home health care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, technology for independence, support groups for people recovering from strokes and information and referral services.

Last year, more than 18,000 children across Massachusetts learned about disabilities and hopped for Easter Seals, raising nearly \$250,000.

PTO Meeting At Junior High Rescheduled For Monday, March 28th; Parents Welcome

The Agawam Junior High School PTO meeting that was originally scheduled for Monday, March 21st, has been changed to Monday, March 28th.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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Application forms and assistance is available from Continental Cablevision. Interested teachers should call Continental's "Cable in the Classroom" educational outreach department in Springfield at (413) 731-8298.

TV's and VCR's will be awarded to teachers submitting the best lesson plans for using C-SPAN programming in their classrooms. One teacher will receive a trip for two to Washington, D.C.

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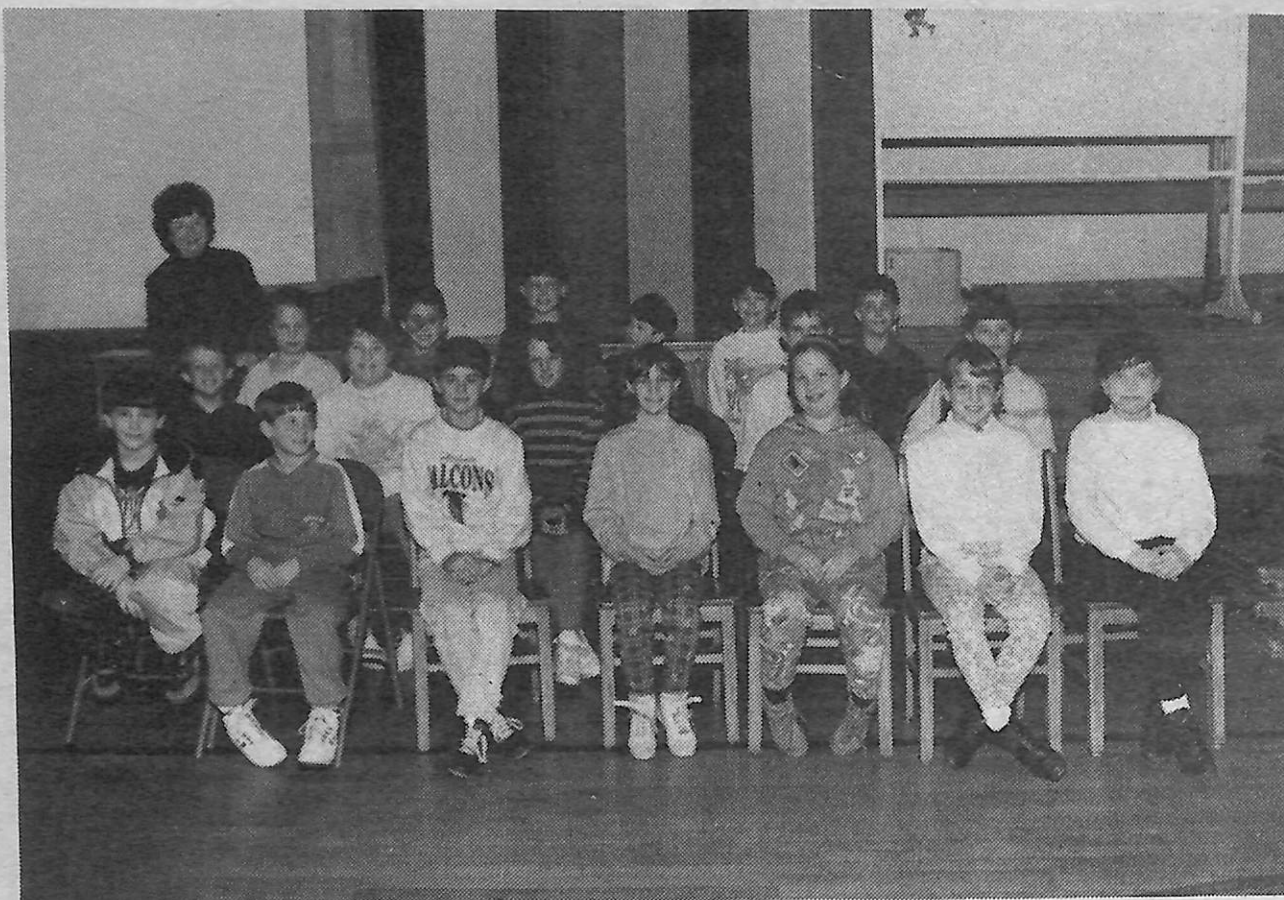
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Music Enrichment Class At Granger School



MUSIC TEACHER SYLVIA STARKIE held a Music Enrichment class with the fourth grade class of Fred Montesi at Granger School earlier this month, "at the piano." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Development Screening For Newborn To Age 4 At Agawam Early Childhood Center

Free developmental screening will be held for children (newborn to four years-old) in fine and gross motor development, lead poisoning, speech and language, and growth and development at the Agawam Early Childhood Center, 108 Perry Lane, Agawam on Friday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. until

2:00 p.m.

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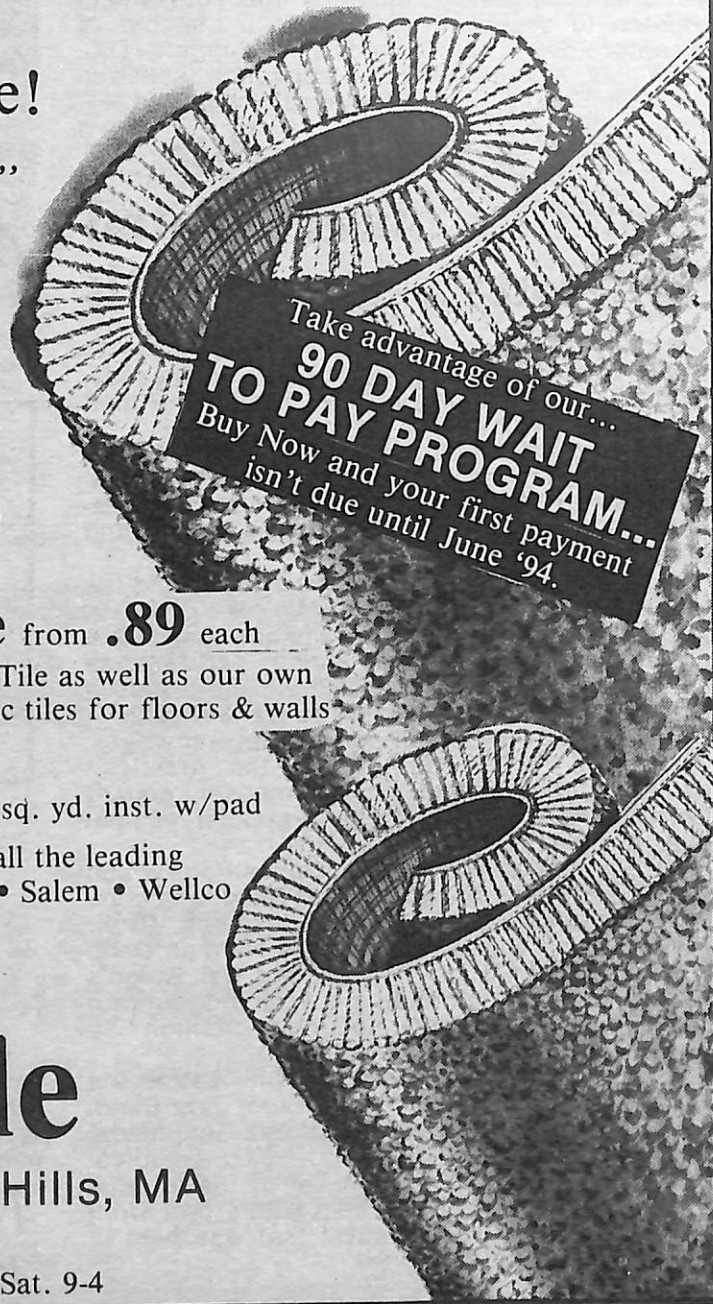
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WENDY ZIEMBA

Wendy Ziemba Earns Three Honors From Northeastern Univ.

Wendy Ziemba, the daughter of Jean A. and Adam S. Ziemba of 47 Rosie Lane, Agawam, recently received three honors from Northeastern University in Boston.

Ms. Ziemba was selected as a recipient of the 1994 Cooperative Education Award. This prestigious award is given annually by the Department of Cooperative Education to recognize students in the Senior Class who have performed in outstanding fashion on their cooperative education assignments.

Based on her exceptional performances at: the Boston law firm Berlin, Clarey, Axten, and Levee; the United States Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs; and, most recently, the United States Senate, Wendy was nominated by her Cooperative Education Coordinators and employers for this award.

Ms. Ziemba was also named a member of the Northeastern University Chapter of *Phi Kappa Phi*, the interdisciplinary honor society. Membership in *Phi Kappa Phi* signifies that a student is in the top five percent of their college. In addition, Wendy was named a member of *Who's Who Among Students*.

Ms. Ziemba is a senior political science major with a concentration in law and legal studies. She is currently on leave at the Department of Labor in Boston to accept a position as a member of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's Washington, D.C. staff. Ms. Ziemba works on education issues in the Labor and Human Resources Committee.

AHS Scholarship Benefit Concert Slated For Tues., March 29th

A benefit concert to support the "Lisa Ziegert-Bandparents Scholarship will be held on Tuesday, March 29th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will feature the AHS Concert Band and Jazz Band, under the direction of Scott Thomson. There will be an admission/scholarship donation of \$5 per person, or \$3 for senior citizens and students.

A variety of music will be presented during the concert, ranging from marches to Duke Ellington jazz tunes. Both the Concert and Jazz Bands are preparing for an active spring performance schedule, a highlight of which will be a performance at the Toronto Music Festival in April.

The Concert Band will perform several weeks, which will include tributes to the American musical, through the music of composer Leonard Bernstein, and a medley from the popular musical "Les Misérables."

Also featured will be three compositions which will be performed by the Concert Band in upcoming contest festivals. A British style march, "Their Finest Hour," will be followed by Norman Dello Joio's "Satiric Dances," and Elliot Del Borgo's "Kachina Dance." Rounding out the program will be the beautiful Percy Grainger composition "Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon."

A special part of the evening will feature the award-winning Agawam High School Jazz Band, which recently was the recipient of a Gold medal at the Enrico Fermi High School Jazz Adjudication Festival and a Silver Medal at the International Association of Jazz Educators (MA Unit) Western District Jazz Festival that was held in South Hadley.

"The Call Of The Wild" At Granger School



STUDENTS OF JANE ZABIELSKI at Granger Elementary School participated in Animal Center Day on March 7th. IN PHOTO ABOVE, Amy Proulx's cats and Meagan Kennedy's insect display were among the eye-catching highlights of the day. IN PHOTO BELOW, Allison Peters' mouse also attracted the attention of her classmates. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



GIRL SCOUTS

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Girl Scout Sunday A Great Success

by Gail Borkosky
Girl Scout Public Relations

Girl Scout Sunday proved to be a great success for the third year in a row in Agawam. On March 6th, about 240 people participated in a service at the Valley Community Church led by Rev. Dennehy.

NO ONE covers the Agawam Schools like Kathy Cassanelli, news editor.

A special thanks to Deegee Blackman, secretary for Valley Community Church, for helping to organize this event and preparing the bulletins.

The service consisted of angelic voices from the Brownie choir, directed by Gay McDyer (troop leader from No. 539) and accompanied by Mary Ellen Bruce on the organ.

Donna Dorans (troop leader from No. 563) read a message about Girl Scouts of different faiths, led us in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and read from the Old Testament.

The Juniors' presentation of a "thankful tree" was assisted by Karen Asta-Ferrero and Yvonne Hodel, an exchange student from the Girl Scouts of Switzerland.

Lisa Marsh and Laura Geyer, cadettes from No. 565, spoke on "What the Girl Scouts Mean to Me."

Thanks to all the moms that baked and SunDor Juice Co., which supplied the juice for the coffee hour after the service. A generous donation was also received from Big Y Foods, Inc.

I would like to give a personal thanks to Chris and Joe Demetron and their children, Leslie and Lucy Young, and my husband Don and daughters, Jamie and Kelly, for all their help in the set-up and clean-up of the coffee hour. Their hard work and dedication made my job a lot easier.



Sports

Not Many Smiles But AHS Girls Can Be Proud



AHS GIRLS' HOOP COACH Lou Conte and Assistant Debbie Lickley and members of the Brownies following their 52-45 loss in the State Division I Title Game at the Worcester Centrum last Saturday night. Holding the runners-up trophy is senior Cindy Stone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Girls Enjoy Season For The Ages

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

They annihilated 'em in Agawam. They aced 'em in Amherst. They stymied 'em in Springfield. And they wowed 'em in Worcester.

Ultimately, they would weep in Worcester ... Such a sad thing—this losing thing.

Truth be told, this Agawam High girls' basketball team overachieved this season. They rode a big front court and an outstanding unselfish point guard to the pinnacle of Massachusetts High School Hoop—the Division I championship.

In a quiet moment, their coach (Lou Conte) will tell you that he didn't seriously expect to win Western Mass. this year. "Such a young team," he would say. "We'll play hard and see what happens, but some of the other teams have caught up with us—Northampton is tough; Longmeadow is tough; Pittsfield is tough." Louie knows who IS tough. Two of those teams would beat the Brownies during the season; the other (Pittsfield) gave them a heckuva game at Curry Hicks Cage in the WMass semifinals.

Schedulemaker Kind To Brownies

It would be a year where the schedulemaker probably did the Brownies a couple of favors. First, he gave them their tough games at home in the early part of the campaign. Agawam would shut down Cathedral, Longmeadow, Amherst, and Northampton at Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium and the team would run off to a 17-0 start.

But 10 or 12 of those 17 wins meant nothing. They would be playing games at half speed in half

empty gymnasiums against inferior competition. Those 25 points wins could have easily been 60 point verdicts, but Conte (always the gentleman) has subtle ways of letting a team keep it respectable. Ask any Agawam kid how much they enjoy playing a whole half of basketball on defense with one foot in the paint.

The 17 game win streak came to an end up in Northampton as the Brownies got trounced by the pre-season favorite. Suddenly, all that had been accomplished seemed to mean so little. Then, Longmeadow trotted out all those seniors on "Senior Night" and they took a big early lead and looked for an early knockout.

But, that might have been exactly the moment that the Brownies found out about themselves. Trailing 31-13 with 11 minutes to play, away from home, the Brownies appeared to be dead. They wouldn't win that night. But a solid and (at times) spectacular comeback seemed to get lost in the shuffle.

Junior Kristen Schmaelzle got them started with some power inside; little guard Katie LaBreck came through with seven big points during the run; and Cyndi Stone came to life and Agawam got all the way back to within six.

That was on George Washington's real birthday (February 22nd) and the Brownies wouldn't taste anything resembling defeat until early evening on March 19th.

These young ladies and their coach played a marvelous stretch of basketball during that month. The Agawam bandwagon got fuller and fuller and fuller until they swelled nearly eight sections of stands at the Centrum last Saturday.

On the last day of the most brutal winter that many of us can recall, the Brownies suffered a brutal setback. Losing in the championship round, with all the chips on the table, can sometimes make you feel like Chicken Little.

TV vignettes and newspaper clippings, photographs, and memories. That is how this season will be carried forward. Nine kids and a coach coming together as one.

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AHS HOOP - from Page 1...

Stone (who would become the school's all-time leading scorer during the game) would shoulder the entire scoring burden for AHS as she poured home 10 first half points.

Haverhill had no answers for Stone (or for Schmaelzle either), but they used their sandlot plan to get everything that they could from the players that they sent onto the court. Woelfel had 13 different jerseys on the court in the first half as the continuous backcourt pressure defense, along with the assault and battery that was going on in the paint, wore Agawam down early on.

Stone got three personal fouls in the first half (the last of which came with 01.8 seconds left on the clock) and Schmaelzle had two fouls.

Amy Veilloux (a 6'1" kid that played away from the basket) drained eight first half outside points and reserve guard Melissa Tarpy joined the Hillies' fun by hitting two three pointers and a pair of free throws to help propel the Eastern Mass. school to a 28-14 halftime lead.

The Brownies will later learn (upon reflection) that they did a fine job of staying with their game plan. DeMarco took the ball strong to the hole often and broke down the defense, but shots that Stone and Schmaelzle had been making in their sleep for three weeks were not falling in the season's biggest game. The hole got deeper and deeper and the errant shooting continued early in the second half.

When Stone went down with her injury at the 12:30 mark, Agawam trailed 37-18 and Shawna Murphy made that lead even larger when she hit a couple freebies on the line and then dashed inside for an easy deuce. It was 41-18 and Agawam appeared to be dead.

Schmaelzle Takes Charge

That's when Schmaelzle took charge for a while. She smashed in for one goal and got fouled, but missed the charity toss. She followed that by cashing an easy inbounds pass for a layup. DeMarco entered the fray by swiping a perimeter pass and coasting in and the 6-0 run had sliced the lead to 41-24.

Murphy followed that with one of the two biggest hoops of the game. The Agawam kids were really digging in on defense and were refusing to quit. They had Murphy in trouble in the paint and she had nowhere to go so she threw a one hand underhand shot toward the hoop trying to avoid Stone in the middle. The ball nestled softly through the cords, but it sounded loud to the Agawam faithful.

DeMarco got free on the backdoor for another basket and then made her infamous theft that would ultimately land her in the hospital. When she was carried off, you could almost feel the Agawam kids deciding that they were going to make the comeback for their comrade at arms.

Stone continued the comeback by getting inside for a three point play at 7:56. The Brownies were down 14, but there was almost eight minutes to play. Kelly Van Hussen hit a big basket on a drive and scoop to temporarily half the comeback, but Schmaelzle answered that with three straight baskets, including a 10-footer, a layup on a Stone feed and then another inbounds layup. The Brownies had it down to 10 (45-35) and the Haverhill crowd behind press row was getting mighty antsy.

After a Haverhill timeout, Stone hit two more free throws and you could really hear the Agawam High sneakers squeaking as they dug in on defense on the next trip.

They chased every pass and challenged every fake. They fought for position and they communicated with their teammates. It was beautiful.

With three seconds left on the shot clock, the ball was in the far left corner and there were two Brownies out there defending. It looked as if a 30 second violation was about to occur. That's when Veilloux was able to launch a desperation shot from 19 feet (closely guarded) and, on this day anyway, that ball went clean through the nets for a big dagger basket.

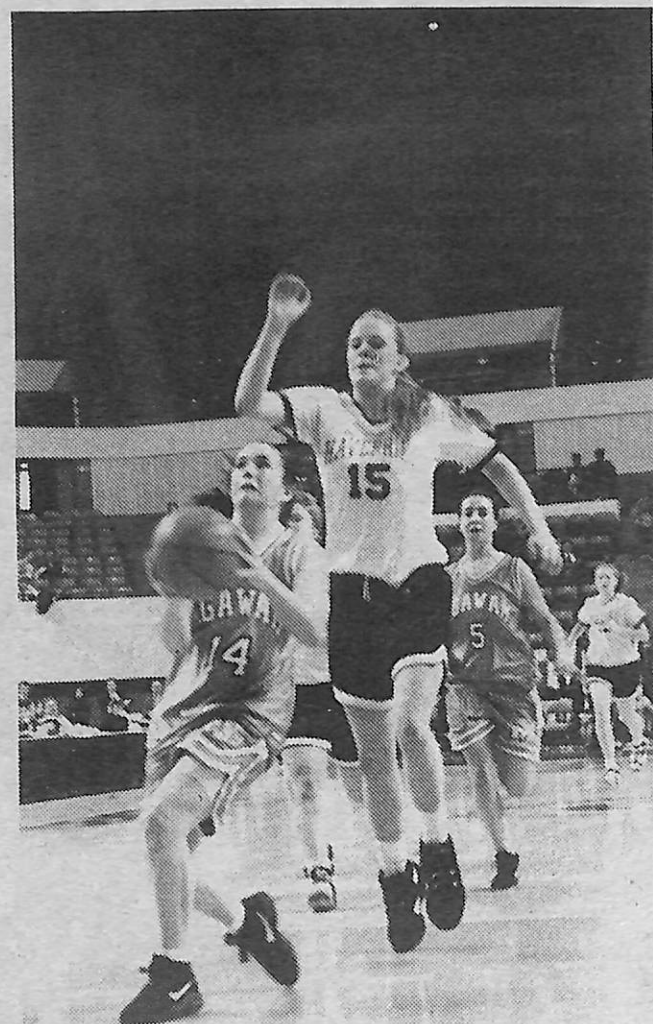
Stone and the Brownies still carried the torch of hope as she hit two more free throws (2:04) and then a fadeaway in the paint which put Agawam down six (47-41) with 1:21 still showing on that overhead clock.

Agawam pressed fullcourt on the inbounds and Cynthia Alsop got free deep for the bomb and she made the layup for her first two points of the night. Stone rebounded one home to make it six again and the clock now read 53 seconds.

But just as she had done in the first half, Tarpy became the hero. She hit three of four free throws to keep Agawam at bay.

Stone would finish with 25 (1,327 for her career, 14 more than Kim Trudel who had 1,313) and Schmaelzle had 14. DeMarco would score six before her painful departure. Haverhill could boast of eight players reaching the score sheet. And they could boast of a seven point win over a team that just wouldn't quit.

Winners never quit; quitters never win. It seemed all too logical on this Saturday.

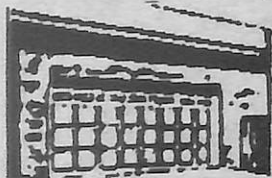


JUNIOR DINA DEMARCO goes in for a layup with a Haverhill defender in hot pursuit in the State Title game last Saturday. Advertiser

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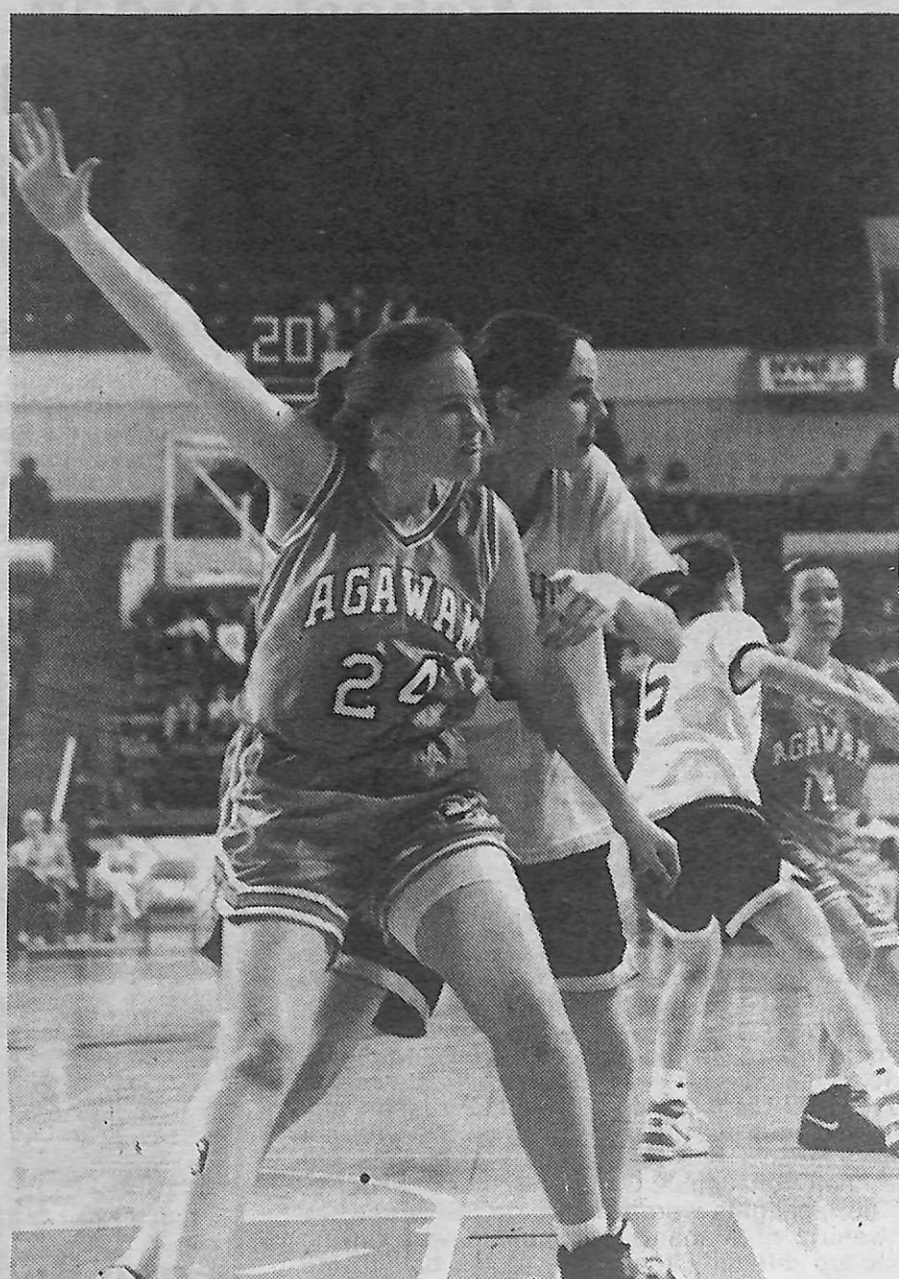
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THE BANNER HUNG PROUDLY in the Agawam High gymnasium during a pep rally for the girls' basketball team on Friday, March 18th. The names of all team members hung on the wall. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Jaime Thomas fights for inside position during second half action against Haverhill in the State Title Game on Saturday, March 19th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Fitness First Offers Swimming Lessons To Children And Adults

Pre-summer swimming lessons for children ages six months to adult will be offered at Fitness First in Feeding Hills beginning the week of April 4th and ending the week of May 23rd. All classes meet once per week and run for the complete eight-week session.

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Agawam Little League To Meet March 29th

All parents and coaches whose children are to play baseball in April are invited to attend a very important and informational meeting at the VFW, South Street, Agawam, on Tuesday, March 29th, at 7:00 p.m.

At this time, the board of directors will answer any questions or concerns anyone may have. Dates will be given of upcoming events, tryout dates, draft dates, and opening day. Now is the time to make an effort to attend this meeting, as there will not be another one until the end of the season.

A coaches' meeting will follow this meeting; therefore, all coaches should be at this meeting.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity cheerleaders perform during a pep rally for the school's girls' basketball team. The Lady Brownies were defeated in the State Finals, 52-45 by Haverhill the next day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PLEASE REMEMBER our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We really appreciate those who bring in their copy either on Monday or on Friday. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. on close on Friday at 4:00 p.m. We can be reached at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Thanks.

Sports A La Carte...

Michael Jordan Heads For Minors; Red Up Nights Thinking About Yinka

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

If you want to see MICHAEL JORDAN play in his home opener, you could travel to Woodbridge, Virginia and ask the locals how to find County Stadium. That's where the Class A Prince William Cannons play during the summer.

You can buy a box seat for just \$5.50 and party with the Cannons' mascot, "Boomer," in the 10 year-old, 6,000 seat facility. It's quite a drop off for the former NBA star, but he can take solace in the fact that BARRY BONDS and BOBBY BONILLA came through Prince William on their way to stardom.

However, Jordan hit only .150 in the spring and he has to pay his dues, too...

Speaking of somebody that went from the outhouse to the penthouse, none other than SADA HARU OH had his problems early in his career, too. The man who smacked 868 homers in the Japanese League hit just .161 in his first season (1959) when he was a pitcher (sound familiar?) for the Yomiuri Giants. Following his abysmal performance, he began to practice the martial arts known as Aikido and Kendo.

As he climbed swiftly through the ranks of those disciplines, he subscribed to the philosophy "Superior Spirit conquers Superior Technique." The results were awesome as he clocked between 40-55 homers in 14 of 15 seasons. This is particularly impressive when one realizes that the Japanese League plays just 130 games a year (32 less than the American Major Leaguers play!).

Incidentally, Oh did not use Louisville Slugger bats to practice his craft. He had his bats carved from a rare tree found only in Northern Japan, and cut only from the female branches. One further note—Japan's biggest baseball hero does not even hail from Japan; Oh is of Chinese descent...

The highlights were running on ESPN and the University of Alabama-Birmingham was having *boucoup* difficulty trying to get the ball to fall through the cylinder on one particular possession. BOB LEY, the announcer, was calling the action:

"There's a block, and now a brick, another block, and another brick—hey, that's a great way to build a house, but no way to run an offense."

I don't know if he wrote it, but it was delivered beautifully...

I saw a short TV piece this week on NESN between periods of a hockey game (yes, for some reason I am watching more hockey these days). But the upshot of the deal was that one linesman (sorry, I didn't catch his name) said the following: *"My dad once told me to find a job that I like and I wouldn't have to work a day in my life."*

How could anyone disagree with that philosophy? That is how the world should work...

One of George Washington University's most favorite alums is none other than the Celtics' RED AUERBACH. This got me to thinking—do you think that the old Red Head might be up nights trying to figure out how his beloved club can pick off monster center YINKA DARE? He could easily be as good as HAKEEM OLAJUWON, and he would be coming to a team steeped in tradition.

I can't wait—and I have a feeling that I am going to be right on this one...

A small item that you might have missed last week. The Phoenix Cardinals have now been renamed the Arizona Cardinals. I hope that they don't make this a mandatory gig; then we would have the Wisconsin Packers, the Illinois Bears, and (gasp!) the California Raiders. Get off me!...

As much as my Red Sox persona will allow me, I have always loved DON MATTINGLY of the Yankees. I appreciate his talent and I know how much he means to so many people. This man (much like LARRY BIRD) never lost his Indiana roots, and he is somebody that the fans can look up to and respect.

I saw a quick stat the other day that said he is

hitting .588 this spring. Hope he cools off before he comes to Fenway...

Two-point conversion in the NFL? Oh yes. More on that as it comes closer to happening, but I am in total favor of anything that adds points to the scoreboard.

I would also like to see four points for field goals beyond 55 yards. Let's make these coaches coach...

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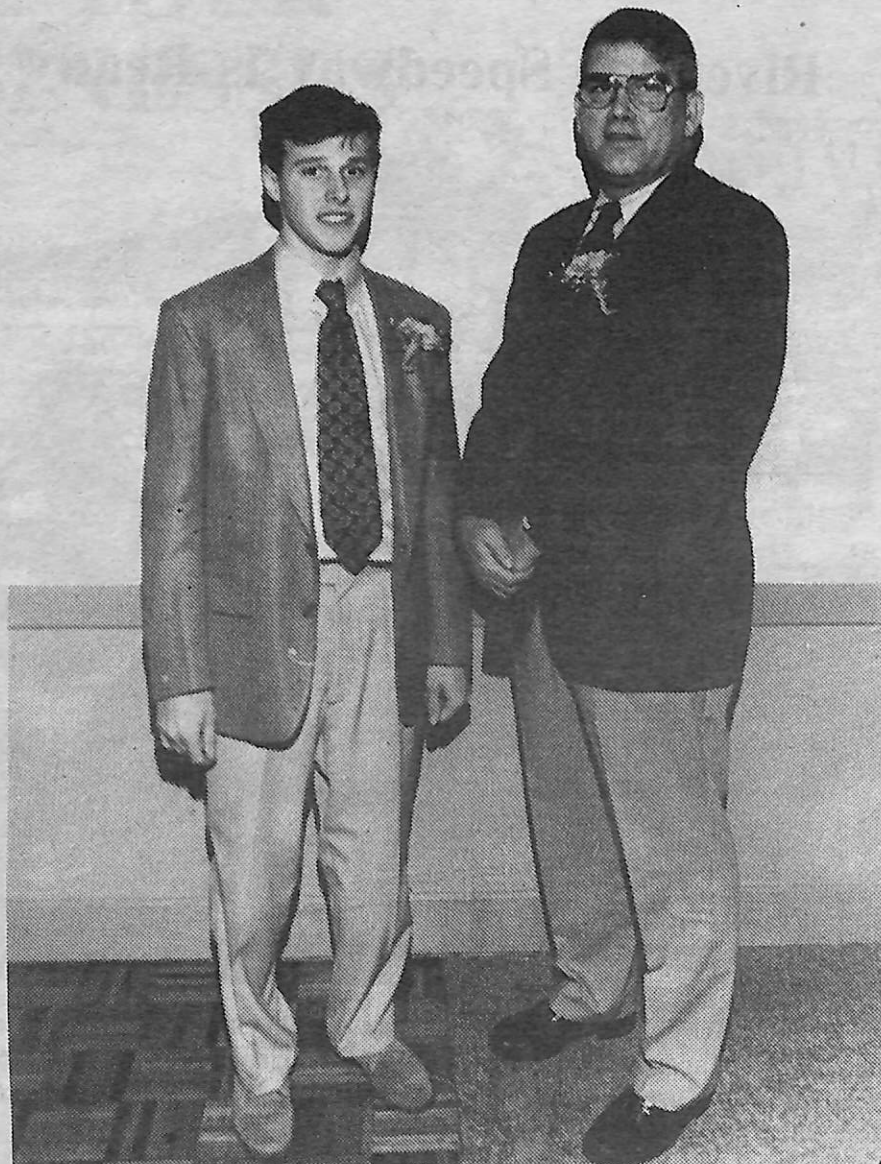
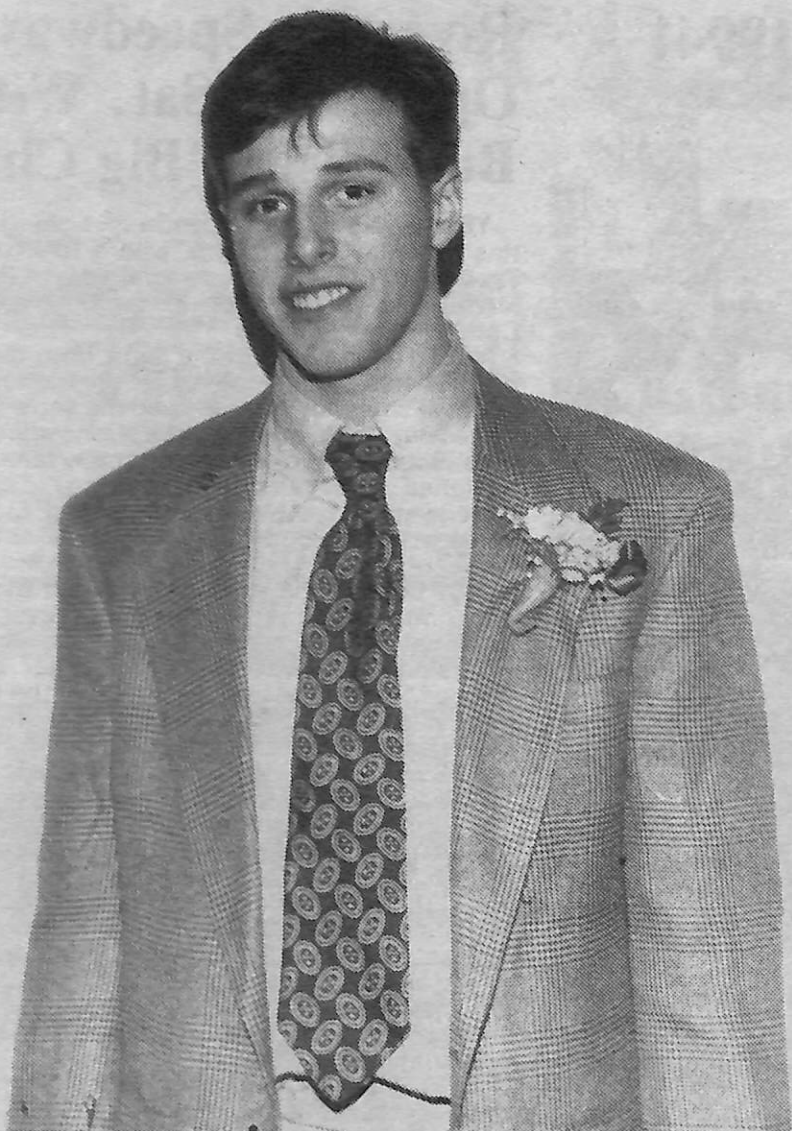
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MIKE KNODLER is the only senior to be leaving the Agawam High boys' basketball team this year. Knodler was honored at the team's annual banquet at Oak Ridge Golf Club on March 13th. Knodler is pictured with his coach, Mike Martin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Will The Red Sox Do Well In 1994? Let's Wait And See...

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Supposedly, Fenway Park is going to be lush and green and beautiful in less than 10 days from the time that you pick up this newspaper. There will be no snowball fights between Otis Nixon and Mike Greenwell. The olde ballyard is supposed to be ship-shape by the time that the Tigers and Sparky Anderson come to town a week or so from right now.

Both teams are going to take the field at 0-0 in the standings and the games will begin. Barring something unforeseen, Rocket Roger will take the ball and the season will commence.

The Orioles, Yankees, and the two-time reigning World Champion Blue Jays are all intent on winning the AL East. The Red Sox are cast in the role of dangerous sleeper.

But wait, grapefruit breath—what is going on in the middle of the Red Sox batting order this spring? Here is the newly-signed and suddenly powerful Greenwell hitting .350 and swinging for (and reaching) the fences. Mo "Nobody seems to call him Maurice" Vaughn is smacking the ball to the tune of .354 and leading everybody in the majors with seven dingers already. And, Andre Dawson (that crafty ring veteran) has already amassed four homers to go with a gaudy .415 batting average.

Is this 1927 all over again? Will the Sox have Murderer's Row? The belt of the order has been nothing short of spectacular.

And they might not even be the story of the camp thus far! Otis Nixon came to town with feet blazing and suddenly he spurs a Red Sox running attack that has swiped 12 bases in 12 tries at last check. Jeff McNeely wants to run; so does

Greenwell and Scott Fletcher, too. Heck, I even saw a game last week with Carlos Quintana on the move.

All those good things going on and the Sox still have their lone All-Star player from 1993 at the hot corner, as Scott Cooper is still swinging level and making good contact. Hit him sixth or seventh and he'll be batting with a lot of runners aboard, and that could bode well for this man who has such a propensity for swatting two baggers. Those doubles could compute into a whole mess of RBI (unless Scotty is traded, which is the strong rumor).

Scotty Fletcher and John Valentin are not going to make people say that the Sox are strong defensively up the middle. If you hear it, don't believe it. They are solid professionals: Valentin has "hard hands" for a shortstop, but fairly decent instincts; Fletcher is the second coming of Marty Barrett—a veteran who will do what it takes to get himself noticed in a positive manner despite the fact that he appears to lack power, speed, range, and agility.

But put Fletcher up in the "clutch" and watch him drive in the big run. He's uncanny regarding how long he has been able to hang around the Majors and make a big contribution to every team on which he has played.

Alas, The Red Sox's "Awful" Catching...

The catching is awful again. It has been for many years in Boston. Tony Pena was an excellent receiver, but he couldn't hit. Now, he has finally outlived the charm that he brought to Boston, and the Sox are looking for guys named Damon Berryhill and Dave Valle to fill the void. Each will win a game at Fenway in the late innings, and each will be remembered for doing so.

Neither will be very good.

Yes, we are harkening back to the days of Bob Tillman, Mike Ryan, Russ Gibson, Gary Allenson, an company. I'm not sure that any teams have good catchers anymore. What's Bill Freehan doing these days?

For my money, if McNeely doesn't get the gig in rightfield, let the "Q" have it. He would be a fine number-six hitter and he would make the routine plays in Evansville (Dewey's old stomping grounds). He has handled every assignment that he has ever been given with flying colors. So what if he is a step too slow? Cooper, Fletcher, Valentin, Valle et al can clog up the bases, too. At least, Quintana will be on the bases. Dig?

Clemens, Frank Viola, Danny Darwin, Aaron Sele. People are convinced that this quartet can be baseball's best if all breaks correctly. Who am I to disagree? They can all be hell when they are well. Greg Harris is among baseball's best set-up men. And the Ryan/Russell duo should be able to hold those one- and two-run, ninth-inning leads.

This is a year that people are expecting Cleveland to finally step up and win something. It might be that the Tribe can win in the AL Central. Anything can happen.

And in Boston, something always happens. Fenway will be jammed a week from Monday. The Sox will win their opener (probably) and for a day or two, a week or two, a month or two, "We Fenway Fans will Stop and Clap our Hands at Yaz' Jazz"... Sorry—is Yaz gone now?

It doesn't matter who is wearing "RED SOX" across their chests when the season starts. All that matters is that HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL!! BATTER UP!!!

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IN PHOTO ABOVE: Riverside Speedway's 1993 champions Rob Valerio, Barry Gray, Dave Caruso, Jerry Marquis, and Doug Meservey are gearing up for the 1994 season, which is set to start Saturday, March 26th. Many new Modified teams are expected this season, like Chris Jones' No. 9 Modified (below).



Some Things Never Change At Riverside

Riverside Park Speedway is considered one of the premiere NASCAR short tracks in the country. The facility, owned by Edward J. Carroll, Jr., and promoted by Director Ben Dodge, Jr., has broken almost every record attendance, car counts, sponsorship, and more. Dodge has won national recognition for his program and recognized ability to achieve.

Fact number one is that Riverside Park Speedway is so unique it's hard to know where to begin to discuss it. The park offers so many different programs that shock the racing fraternity and have made Riverside the facility of concern. Programs that make Riverside unique include the speedway's location in New England's largest amusement park, wherein fans have use of 50 food stands, free shows, and great games that are included free with a race ticket.

Number two, Riverside is the only track that offers a gift refund if the management doesn't have the show over before 10:45. In truth, the speedway has the fastest, best-run program of its type—four to five divisions (over 100 cars!) done by 10:45 p.m.

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YES! Riverside Park Speedway is going to open this Saturday, March 26th, with a NASCAR Tour Type Modified 75-lap special, plus the Late Models and Strictly Stocks—the Budweiser "Big Chill."

YES! The majority of the snow from the winter of 1994 has been removed. A contracted snow-removal company has removed the snow from the Speedway with bucketloaders, snow/ice shredders, Bobcats, and plows. The costly removal was designed to accomplish one thing ... clear the Speedway for the March 26th opener! Everything is ready for the Budweiser "Big Chill" this Saturday.

NO! Despite the excessive amount of snow in the northeast, the Connecticut River is not flooding. At this time (with the cold and frost), Riverside Speedway is in no danger of being flooded for the season opener; thus, the management of the Speedway is planning on starting the 1994 season on a "dry" track.

YES! Riverside Park Speedway is expected to be the first track in the northeast to open in 1994. The "Big Chill" event will feature NASCAR Tour Type Modifieds competing in time trials, as well as in heat races with Budweiser boney money. In addition to the 75-lap Modified feature, the Late Models will run a 25-lap main event, the Strictly Stocks will run a 20-lap race, and there will be heats and consi events paying Budweiser cash. (Pro Stocks are scheduled to compete on April 2nd, but they are welcome to come to the practice on March 26th.)

YES! The pits on March 26th are expected to open at 10:00 a.m. The pit fee for NASCAR members is just \$15; admission for the general public is family-priced at \$12.99 for adults, and a new child's price of \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under. The family four-pack price of \$31.96 is based on a family comprised of two adults and two children—this is a great value! The spectator area opens at 4:00 p.m. (South Gate only), with the racing action scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. (The show is estimated to be over by 10:30 p.m.)

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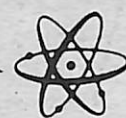
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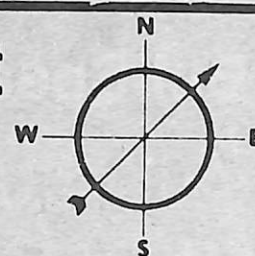
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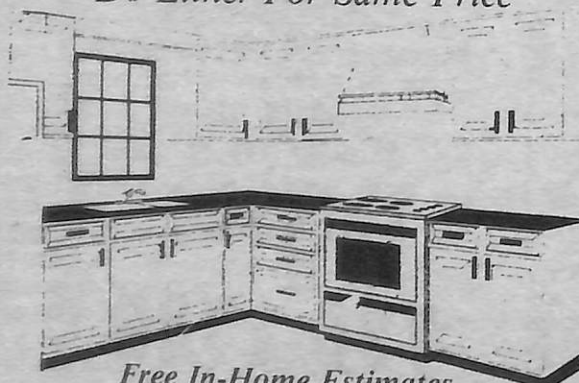
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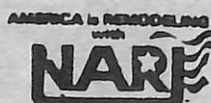
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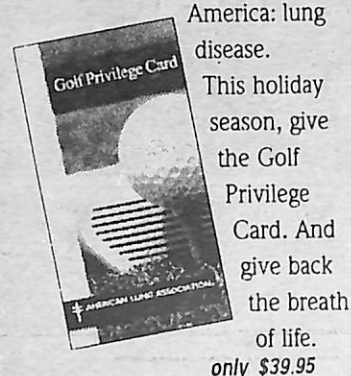
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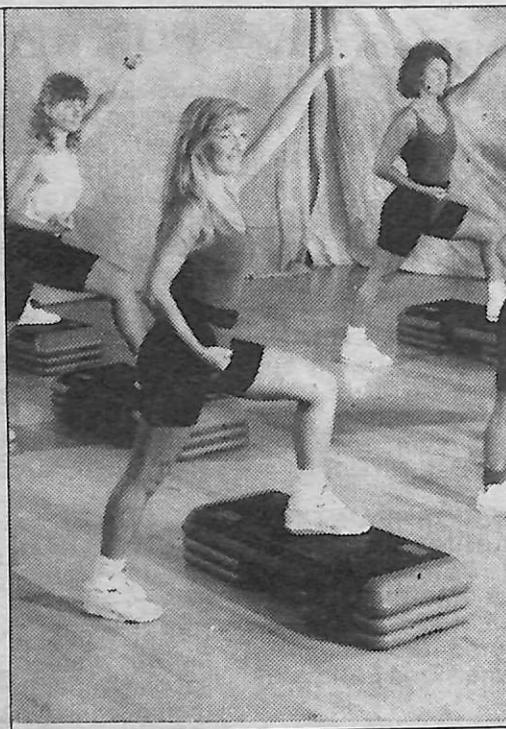
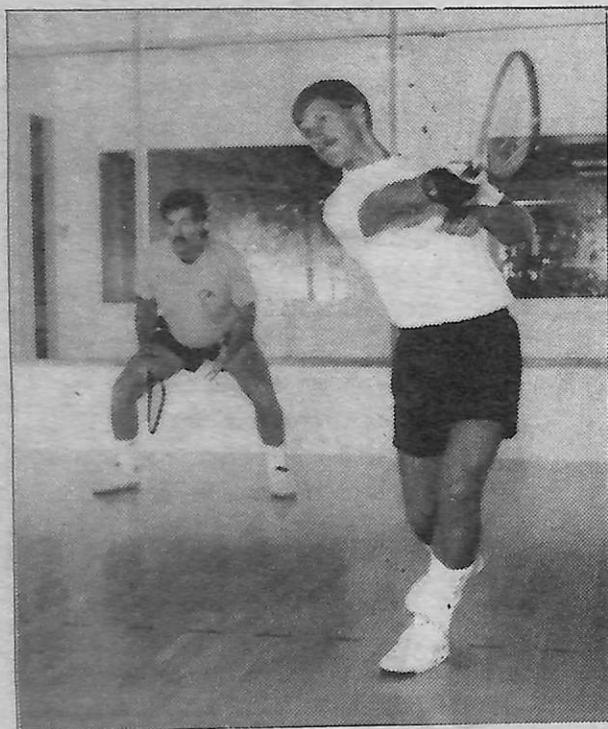


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